East Bay Nursery

Cousin Itt Little River Wattle

Acacia cognata 'Mini Cog'



Cousin Itt Little River Wattle
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 5 feet

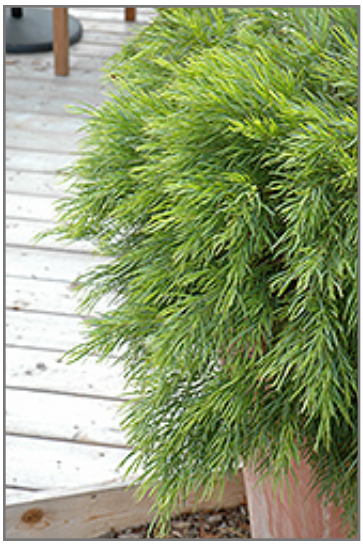
Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8b

Other Names: syn. Acacia subporosa var. linearis

Description:

An interesting evergreen shrub with a compact, mounded, spreading habit and weeping foliage; low water requirements make it great for dry areas; great foundation or container plant; compatible to various soils



Cousin Itt Little River Wattle foliage
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Ornamental Features

Cousin Itt Little River Wattle has attractive red-tipped dark green foliage which emerges light green in spring on a plant with a mounded habit of growth. The small spiny needles are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Cousin Itt Little River Wattle is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spiny

Cousin Itt Little River Wattle is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Cousin Itt Little River Wattle will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Cousin Itt Little River Wattle makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.