East Bay Nursery

Box-Leaf Azara

Azara microphylla

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 7a

Other Names: Boxleaf Azara

Description:

A graceful, layered, large evergreen shrub or small tree with tiny, glossy green foliage; clusters of yellow flowers along the branches have a delicious vanilla fragrance; tremendous as an accent, under taller trees, or as a hedge or screen



Box-Leaf Azara
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Box-Leaf Azara is clothed in stunning clusters of fragrant yellow pincushion flowers along the branches from early to mid winter. It has attractive dark green evergreen foliage. The tiny glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter. It features an abundance of magnificent white berries in early spring.



Box-Leaf Azara foliage
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Landscape Attributes

Box-Leaf Azara is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a stunning habit of growth which features almost oriental horizontally-tiered branches. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which can make it a great accent feature on this basis alone.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Box-Leaf Azara is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Box-Leaf Azara will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This species is not originally from North America.