East Bay Nursery

Sunset Gold Breath of Heaven

Coleonema pulchellum 'Sunset Gold'



Sunset Gold Breath of Heaven in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 8a

Other Names: Confetti Bush

Description:

A regal display of small dainty flowers over gold variegated foliage, over a long season, adding great interest to sunny borders; once established it is quite drought tolerant, wind resistant, and can withstand mild frost



Sunset Gold Breath of Heaven flowers
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Ornamental Features

Sunset Gold Breath of Heaven features dainty clusters of lightly-scented shell pink star-shaped flowers at the ends of the branches from early winter to late spring. It has attractive gold-variegated green foliage with hints of chartreuse. The needles are highly ornamental and remain green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Sunset Gold Breath of Heaven is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

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.

Sunset Gold Breath of Heaven is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Sunset Gold Breath of Heaven will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Sunset Gold Breath of Heaven makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use 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.