East Bay Nursery

Karo Golden Esk Hebe

Hebe 'Karo Golden Esk'



Karo Golden Esk Hebe foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 7a

Other Names: Shrubby Veronica

Description:

A superb, compact, rounded shrub with tiny, golden-green whipcord-like leaves, turning bronze-orange in winter; tiny white flowers appear on the branch tips in summer; great for beds and borders; will tolerate some mild frost, but should be sheltered

Ornamental Features

Karo Golden Esk Hebe has attractive gold-variegated light green foliage which emerges chartreuse in spring on a plant with a round habit of growth. The tiny glossy pointy leaves are highly ornamental and turn orange and in the fall, which persists throughout the winter. It features subtle clusters of white flowers at the ends of the branches from early to mid summer.

Landscape Attributes

Karo Golden Esk Hebe is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a more or less rounded 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 can be pruned at anytime. It is a good choice for attracting birds, bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Karo Golden Esk Hebe is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Karo Golden Esk Hebe will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. It has a low canopy. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years.

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, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Karo Golden Esk Hebe makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. 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.