East Bay Nursery

Large-flowered Bush Monkeyflower

Diplacus grandiflorus

Height: 30 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 9a

Other Names: Apricot Monkeyflower, Azalea-flowered Monkeyflower

Description:

A very showy native sub-shrub featuring large, butter to peach colored flowers that are similar to azalea blooms, appearing from mid-spring to early summer over lustrous dark green foliage; excellent for partly shaded rock gardens or dry borders

Ornamental Features

Large-flowered Bush Monkeyflower features showy clusters of lightly-scented buttery yellow trumpet-shaped flowers with peach overtones along the branches from mid spring to early summer. It has dark green evergreen foliage. The glossy narrow leaves remain dark green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Large-flowered Bush Monkeyflower is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, 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, butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.



Large-flowered Bush Monkeyflower flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Large-flowered Bush Monkeyflower in bloom
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Large-flowered Bush Monkeyflower is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Large-flowered Bush Monkeyflower will grow to be about 30 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 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 20 years. As this plant tends to go dormant in summer, it is best interplanted with late-season bloomers to hide the dying foliage.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. You may want to keep it away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. This plant will benefit from an application of bonemeal and/or mycorrhizal fertilizer at the time of planting. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in sandy soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. This species is native to parts of North America.

Large-flowered Bush Monkeyflower makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. 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.