East Bay Nursery

Giant Burmese Honeysuckle

Lonicera hildebrandiana



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Height: 25 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 9a

Description:

An old reliable and vigorous vine favored for its buttery yellow flowers that emerge soft cream and finish dull orange; oval, deep green glossy foliage; easy to grow, flowers best in full sun; ideal for covering an arbor, fence or trellis

Ornamental Features

Giant Burmese Honeysuckle features showy clusters of lightly-scented buttery yellow trumpet-shaped flowers with gold throats at the ends of the branches from late spring to early fall. It features an abundance of magnificent green berries from mid to late fall. It has dark green deciduous foliage which emerges light green in spring. The glossy oval leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Giant Burmese Honeysuckle is a multi-stemmed deciduous woody vine with a twining and trailing 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 woody vine will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Giant Burmese Honeysuckle is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Giant Burmese Honeysuckle will grow to be about 25 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. As a climbing vine, it tends to be leggy near the base and should be underplanted with low-growing facer plants. It should be planted near a fence, trellis or other landscape structure where it can be trained to grow upwards on it, or allowed to trail off a retaining wall or slope. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This woody vine does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. 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 native to parts of North America.