Golden Lanterns Pheasant Berry

Leycesteria formosa 'Golden Lanterns'

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 6b

Other Names: Himalayan Honeysuckle

Description:

A striking addition to border or container plantings; emerging red foliage becomes bright yellow as it matures; pendulous white flowers with reddish bracts are followed by red berries that turn deep purple in fall adding to the display of color

Ornamental Features

Golden Lanterns Pheasant Berry features showy racemes of white tubular flowers with shell pink overtones and ruby-red bracts hanging below the branches in mid summer, which emerge from distinctive red flower buds. It has attractive chartreuse deciduous foliage which emerges red in spring. The pointy leaves are highly ornamental but do not develop any appreciable fall color. It features an abundance of magnificent deep purple berries from early to late fall. The burgundy branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Golden Lanterns Pheasant Berry is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a mounded form. 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 shrub 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 birds and hummingbirds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading



Golden Lanterns Pheasant Berry flowers
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Golden Lanterns Pheasant Berry foliage
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Golden Lanterns Pheasant Berry is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

Planting & Growing

Golden Lanterns Pheasant Berry will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium 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 is quite adaptable, prefering to grow in average to wet conditions, and will even tolerate some standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.