East Bay Nursery

Mexican Mock Orange

Choisya ternata

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 6b

Other Names: Mockorange

Description:

A compact, rounded evergreen shrub with attractive glossy leaves each divided into three leaflets; clusters of small, white, fragrant flowers appear in spring and sometimes again in summer; good for hedging as well

Ornamental Features

Mexican Mock Orange is smothered in stunning cymes of fragrant white star-shaped flowers at the ends of the branches in mid spring. It has attractive dark green evergreen foliage. The glossy oval compound leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Mexican Mock Orange is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a more or less rounded 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 is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Mexican Mock Orange is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use



Mexican Mock Orange flowers
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Mexican Mock Orange in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Mexican Mock Orange will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, 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 does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is native to parts of North America.



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