East Bay Nursery

Island Bush Poppy

Dendromecon harfordii

Height: 10 feet

Spread: 12 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8a

Description:

A wonderful evergreen shrub clothed with blue-green foliage, and is covered by large, bright yellow flowers from spring through summer; drought tolerant once established; a perfect accent shrub, or massed along borders

Ornamental Features

Island Bush Poppy features showy fragrant yellow round flowers with gold eyes at the ends of the branches from mid spring to mid summer. It has bluish-green evergreen foliage. The pointy leaves remain bluish-green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Island Bush Poppy is a multi-stemmed evergreen 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 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.

Island Bush Poppy is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use



Island Bush Poppy flowers
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Planting & Growing

Island Bush Poppy will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 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 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. 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.



Island Bush Poppy in bloom
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