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Ghost® Weigela

Weigela florida 'Carlton'

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Description:

This is one interesting weigela; forms a mounded shrub with foliage that starts out green then turns an iridescent butter yellow, finishing almost greenish-white in fall; long blooming ruby red trumpet-shaped flowers attract hummingbirds

Ornamental Features

Ghost Weigela features showy clusters of ruby-red trumpet-shaped flowers with creamy white anthers along the branches from late spring to mid fall. It has attractive buttery yellow deciduous foliage which emerges light green in spring. The pointy leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding white in the fall. The smooth gray bark and brick red branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Ghost Weigela is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a mounded form. 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 hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.



Ghost Weigela flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Ghost Weigela foliage
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Ghost Weigela is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use



Ghost Weigela in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Planting & Growing

Ghost Weigela will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 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 30 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.