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Hikul Dwarf Sea Buckthorn

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Hippophae rhamnoides 'Hikul'



Hikul Dwarf Sea Buckthorn foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Other Names: Russian Sandthorn

Description:

An excellent rounded, dwarf type; fine, silver foliage all season long; extremely tolerant of dry, alkaline soils; this is a male variety so it doesn't produce fruit but can be used as a pollinator for fruiting varieties

Ornamental Features

Hikul Dwarf Sea Buckthorn is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its ornamental globe-shaped form. It has attractive grayish green deciduous foliage which emerges silver in spring. The narrow leaves are highly ornamental but do not develop any appreciable fall colour.

Landscape Attributes

Hikul Dwarf Sea Buckthorn is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded 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 is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Suckering

Hikul Dwarf Sea Buckthorn is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening

Planting & Growing

Hikul Dwarf Sea Buckthorn will grow to be about 5 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 50 years or more.

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This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to dry locations, and dislikes excessive moisture. It is particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for clay, alkaline soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. 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.