

Buddleja davidii

(Butterfly-Bush)

Buddleia is large deciduous or semi-evergreen shrub 1.5-3 m tall produces large arching canes. Its summer leaves are simple, lanceolate grayish greenish above and white on the bottom. The stems are also pubescent (hairy). The flowers are very showy 15-20 cm long with colors of pink, red, purple, and white as well. Very attractive to hummingbirds and butterflies. Bloom time is from mid- to late summer until frost. The fruit has no ornamental interest. It requires full sun and performs best in fertile soil. Needs to remove old flowers to encourage continued blooming. Used in mass planting, foundation plant for a butterfly garden.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Arbre à papillon, arbuste aux papillons

Pronunciation: bud-LEE-uh duh-VID-ee-eye

Plant Type: Shrub

Origin: China

Heat Zones: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

Hardiness Zones: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

Uses: Hedge, Specimen, Container, Wildlife

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape: Round

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Medium

Canopy Texture: Fine

Height at Maturity: 3 to 5 m

Spread at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 5 to 10 Years

Notes

Attracts butterflies. Summertime flowering.

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Opposite

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Semi Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 10 - 20

Leaf Shape: Lanceolate

Leaf Margins: Serrate

Leaf Textures: Smooth

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green, Silver

Color(changing season): Yellow

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 10 - 20

Flower Type: Raceme

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: Purple, White, Pink

Seasons: Summer

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy

Fruit

Fruit Type: Capsule

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Fruit Colors: Brown

Seasons: Summer

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: No

Drought Tolerant: No

Salt Tolerance: Moderate

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: Less than 25

Edible Parts:

Pests: Mites, Caterpillars

Plant Propagations: Cutting

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