

Abelia x grandiflora ' Prostata Variegata'

(Prostrate abelia;)

Abelia x grandiflora is a fine-textured, semi-evergreen, sprawling shrub with 2-3 cm-long, red-tinged leaves arranged along on the arching, multiple stems. Variegated leaves are white or yellow and green in color. It will lose 50% of its leaves in colder climates, the remaining leaves taking on a more pronounced red color. It is in bloom from spring through fall with terminal clusters of delicate pink and white, small, tubular flowers. It is ideal for use as a specimen, foundation plant, shrub border, planted along a steep bank for erosion control, or it can be clipped into a hedge. Thinning will help light reach the interior foliage stimulating branching and creating a fuller plant. Furthermore, it enjoys fairly rich, moist but well-drained soil in a full sun or lightly shaded location and has good drought-tolerance. Plants become thin and unattractive in the shade and do not flower. The foliage darkens during the winter but plants generally remain full all during the cold months.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Abelia
Arabic Name
Plant Type: Shrub
Origin: Developed in Italy
Heat Zones: 6, 7, 8, 9
Hardiness Zones: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
Uses: Hedge, Specimen, Border Plant, Mass Planting, Container, Wildlife, Erosion control
Size/Shape
Growth Rate: Moderate
Tree Shape: Round, Weeping
Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical
Canopy Density: Medium
Canopy Texture: Fine
Height at Maturity: 0.5 to 1 m
Spread at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 meters
Time to Ultimate Height: 10 to 20 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Opposite

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Semi Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: Less than 5

Leaf Shape: Lanceolate

Leaf Margins: Serrate

Leaf Textures: Smooth

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green, Yellow, Variegated

Color(changing season): Green, Yellow

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Flower Type: Solitary

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: White, Pink

Seasons: Spring, Summer

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Fruit

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Seasons: Spring, Summer

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: No

Drought Tolerant: No

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part

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: Aphids

Plant Propagations: Cutting

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Bark Image

Fruit Image



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