

Buddleia Wattlebird

Common Name Buddleia

Height , Medium Growing (2 - 3m)

Spread , Medium (1 - 2m)

Growing Conditions Full Sun, Tolerates Light Frost, Tolerates Dryness, Well Drained



Profile

A fast growing and vigorous evergreen shrub reaching 3m in height with large cream coloured flower spikes that age to a deep golden yellow giving the whole plant an interesting two tone effect. Flowers appear in late winter and continue into spring

Wattlebird will happily grow in all but the coldest regions of Australia.

Uses

Bird attracting, Butterfly attracting, informal screening, Bird Attracting, Exotic, Fragrance, Scented Flowers, Shrubs

Planting

Full sun

Wattlebird will grow in most soil types but dislikes water logging.

Well drained soil is recommended. Heavier soils should be prepared with plenty of organic matter prior to planting to improve drainage.

Space plants 1m -1.2m apart for screening purposes.

Dig the planting hole twice the width and depth of the pot that is being planted. Backfill with topsoil that has been improved with organic matter. Make sure that the rootball sits no lower than the surrounding soil.

Care

Although quite tolerant of dry conditions once established regular watering is beneficial for 2-3 months after transplanting to encourage a strong root system. Soil should be kept moist but not wet.

Mulching is important to protect surface roots from extremes of temperature and helps to retain soil moisture. Mulch should be applied over the soil to 10cm deep. Keep mulch 5cm-10cm away from the base of the plant so as not to impede airflow which may lead to an increase in pest and disease problems.

Hard pruning is recommended after flowering to stop plants becoming straggly.

Feed in spring and summer using a high quality complete fertiliser

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