Creme Brulee™ Potentilla

Potentilla fruticosa 'Bailbrule'

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 2a

Other Names: Bush Cinquefoil, Shrubby Cinquefoil

Description:

This compact rounded shrub is bathed in pure white double flowers all season long, beautifully contrasting the fine textured, rich green foliage; hardy, tough and adaptable to all conditions, but dislikes wet soils

Ornamental Features

Creme Brulee Potentilla is bathed in stunning white flowers with gold eyes at the ends of the branches from late spring to early fall. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The small ferny compound leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Creme Brulee Potentilla is a dense 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 is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Creme Brulee Potentilla is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

Creme Brulee Potentilla flowers
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Creme Brulee Potentilla in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Creme Brulee Potentilla will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under typical garden conditions. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. 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 selection of a native North American species.

Creme Brulee Potentilla makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.