



## Butterfly Southern Bush Honeysuckle

*Diervilla sessilifolia* 'Butterfly'

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○ ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Southern Bush Honeysuckle

### Description:

Very adaptable shrub with glossy, bright green foliage that turns purplish in fall; excellent for massing and slopes; stays more contained in drier areas, suckers freely in well watered sites

### Ornamental Features

Butterfly Southern Bush Honeysuckle is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its broadly spreading habit of growth. It features subtle panicles of yellow trumpet-shaped flowers along the branches in early summer. It has attractive coppery-bronze-tipped dark green foliage which emerges coppery-bronze in spring. The glossy pointy leaves are highly ornamental but do not develop any appreciable fall color.

### Landscape Attributes

Butterfly Southern Bush Honeysuckle is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting birds, butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

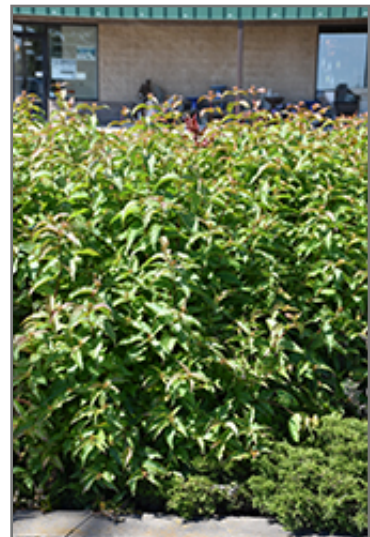
- Suckering

Butterfly Southern Bush Honeysuckle is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Butterfly Southern Bush Honeysuckle flowers*

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- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens

### **Planting & Growing**

Butterfly Southern Bush Honeysuckle 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 fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub performs well in both full sun and full shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selection of a native North American species.

#### Growing Place Choice Plants

Our Growing Place Choice plants are chosen because they are strong performers year after year, staying attractive with less maintenance when planted in the right place.