

'Summer Skies'

Buddleia 'Summer Skies'

pp#22,465

Common name: butterfly bush



Landscape Info:	
USDA/AHS zones:	USDA 5/AHS 9
Mature height:	4-5'/1.2-1.5 m
Exposure:	Full Sun
Irrigation:	Moderate

Features & Benefits:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bold variegated foliage is consistent, with the best burn resistance of any variegated buddleia. - Lavender flowers are besides the point – this is a foliage plant - Landscape-friendly 4-5' height - Great for mixed borders or bold containers - Deer resistant

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Cultural info:		
pH Level:	5.6 – 6.2	
Nutrient Needs:	Average	
EC (2:1 extract):	0.6 – 0.9	
Light Level:	High	
Watering:	Moderate (good drainage imperative)	
Rooting Out Temp:	65° - 72°F/18.3-22.2° C	
Overwintering Temp:	40 - 50°F/4.4-10° C	
Sales Window:	Spring through summer	
Blooms On:	New wood	
Trimming/pruning:	Trim 3-5 times	
Vernalization:	Not required	
Vigor Rating:	High	
Finish Size	Liner Size	Weeks of Active Growth to Finish
1 gallon	4" • QT	6-8 • 4-6
2 -3 gallon	4" • QT	12-14 • 10-12

Grower Tips:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buddleia will rebloom approximately 4-6 weeks after trimming in summer. Multiple crop cycles will give you a continuous supply of ready-to-sell product, covered with large terminal blooms. • When trimming, do not cut into thick stems; trim to shape only. • Does not require deadheading for continuous bloom. • Buddleia are susceptible to spider mites; scout often and treat aggressively. • Avoid drought stress to minimize wilting and pest issues. • Taper off fertilizing and excessive watering in mid-late summer to minimize damage if crop is to be overwintered. Keep on the dry side when dormant. • Avoid fall pruning, and in spring, do not cut until new growth begins to emerge on stems. • Not recommended for fall sales/planting in zone 5.
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