

**Bronze Anniversary™ Abelia****Abelia x grandiflora 'Rika1'*

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 6a

Other Names: Glossy Abelia

Description:

This attractive compact shrub has glossy lime green foliage that emerges bronze-orange and matures to green-gold; tidy, mounded habit and white bell flowers that often re-bloom; a welcome addition to smaller spaces in the garden

Ornamental Features

Bronze Anniversary Abelia features dainty clusters of lightly-scented white bell-shaped flowers at the ends of the branches from mid spring to early fall. It has attractive coppery-bronze-variegated lime green foliage with hints of gold which emerges coppery-bronze in spring. The glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding gold in the fall. The fruit is not ornamentally significant.

Landscape Attributes

Bronze Anniversary Abelia is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting birds, bees and 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.

Bronze Anniversary Abelia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Bronze Anniversary Abelia will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 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.

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*Bronze Anniversary Abelia flowers
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PLANT FINDER

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Bronze Anniversary Abelia 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. 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.

** This is a 'special order' plant - contact store for details*