Karasuba Mukdenia

Mukdenia rossii 'Karasuba'



Karasuba Mukdenia
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Plant Height: 12 inches

Flower Height: 18 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 20 inches

Sunlight: ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Crimson Fans Mukdenia, Aceriphyllum rossii

Description:

A woodland treasure that forms a low round mound of large maple like leaves that mature to deep green with stunning crimson tips; lovely spikes of dainty white flowers tower above the mounded foliage in spring; excellent for containers or edging



Karasuba Mukdenia flowers
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Ornamental Features

Karasuba Mukdenia features dainty spikes of white bell-shaped flowers rising above the foliage from early to mid spring. Its attractive glossy fan-shaped leaves emerge coppery-bronze in spring, turning dark green in color with prominent crimson tips throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Karasuba Mukdenia is an herbaceous perennial with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other garden plants with finer foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Karasuba Mukdenia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Karasuba Mukdenia will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity extending to 18 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 20 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant should be grown in a location with partial shade or which is shaded from the hot afternoon sun. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Karasuba Mukdenia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers and foliage against which the larger thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.