



Glossy 'Sherwoodii' Abelia

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- **Category:** Shrubs
- **Type:** Semi-Evergreen
- **Exposure:** Part Sun / Part Shade
- **Fall Color:** Purple
- **Blooms:** Spring / Summer / Fall
- **Flowers:** Pink
- **Foliage:** Purple to Red
- **Form:** Round / Spreading
- **Maximum Growth:** Approx. 3'h x 4'w
- **Zones:** 5 to 9
- **Drought Tolerance:** Moderate
- **Scientific Name:** *Abelia x grandiflora 'Sherwoodii'*
- **Usage:** Ornamental, Parking Lot, Specimen, Screen, Accent, Foundation, Mass



Introduction

This popular cultivar of Glossy Abelia is a fine-textured, semi-evergreen, small shrub resembling the Japanese or Yaupon Hollies. Glossy Abelia will lose some of its leaves in colder climates; the remaining leaves taking on a more pronounced red color. Reaching a height of 3 to 6 feet with a spread of 6 to 10 feet, the mounded form of 'Sherwoodii' is clothed from spring through fall with terminal clusters of delicate pink and white, small tubular flowers.

Use and Management

Ideally suited as low-growing foundation plants, Abelia is also excellent as a tall ground cover for a large scale commercial or industrial landscape. It can be sheared into a formal hedge or into any of a number of topiary shapes. It is nicely suited for training into a low hedge bordering a sidewalk. Growth rate is slow to moderate making it easy to keep it from growing out of bounds with two clippings per year. Be sure to leave the bottom of the plant much wider than the top so lower foliage is left on the plant. If you attempt to shear vertically, the lower branches are shaded and often loose foliage.

Glossy Abelia enjoys fairly rich, moist but well-drained soil in a full sun or lightly shaded location and has good drought-tolerance. Plants become thin and unattractive in the shade and do not flower. The foliage darkens during the winter but plants generally remain full all during the cold months.

Characteristics

- Low maintenance
- Use as a hedge, border, mass planting
- Attracts birds
- Fine texture
- Moderate growth
- Likes sun but can grow in partial shade

Planting

- Typically planted in 1, 3, and 5 gal containers.



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