

# Grand Cascade Butterfly Bush



## *Buddleia davidii* 'Grand Cascade'

- **Use:** Think all Buddleia look the same? Think again! Unlike the typical Butterfly Bush, the panicles on this flowering shrub cascade downward, similar to the look of weeping willow or a bridalwreath spirea. Butterfly Bushes have certainly earned their place in the garden over the years, and its easy to see why. Just when we need a breath of fresh air in the late summer heat, they happily burst into bloom. At a time when many other plants are already spent, buddleias are just beginning their show. Their passive coloring and texture makes a wonderful backdrop for perennials, and you'll love the butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds that flock to their honey-scented blossoms.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Cold, wet winters can be really hard on buddleia, so here are a few tips to help your buddleia thrive in your garden: 1. Make sure the soil is well-drained. 2. Full sun. That's at least 6 hours. No cheating. 3. Wait until it leafs out in spring before pruning. In some years you may have to prune it back to the ground. After milder winters, maybe not so much. Avoid fall pruning.
- **Growth:** Fast growing low and wide to 5 to 6ft. tall, 7 to 8 ft. wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-10; Shrub
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Golden foliage really pops in the garden.
- **Flower:** Light lavender purple flower panicles are enormous at 12-14" long and 4" thick. They're nearly the size of your head!



Once established butterfly bushes are drought tolerant. They are deer Resistant and great for woodland gardens.

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