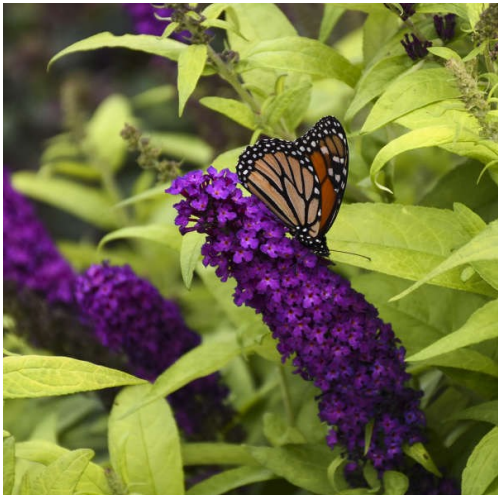


Monarch Crown Jewels Butterfly Bush



Buddleia davidii ' Monarch Crown Jewels

- **Use:** Grow this Butterfly Bush for its beautiful gold foliage which shines brightly from spring through fall, easily taking the place of a compact shrub in the landscape. As an added bonus, sharply contrasting, magenta purple flowers sparkle like jewels against the dense, golden foliage, pointing skyward on branched stems from late summer through early fall. Secondary flowers extend the show even further into fall.
- **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:** Keeps its composure as it ages, growing just 4' tall and 5' wide in two years.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-9; Shrub
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Gold foliage is an excellent foil for the dark purple flowers.
- **Flower:** Produces incredibly long light lavender purple blossoms, a favorite of Monarch butterflies. Flowers deepen to blue-purple with age.



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.

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