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Diervilla - Growing Guide

Growing Diervilla Sessifolia

Commonly known as ‘Bush Honeysuckle’

This is a suckering deciduous sub-shrub from open woodland in North America. D. sessifolia is a thicket forming plant which spreads by root suckers and grows to 3 or 4ft tall by mid summer. This is when it flowers with small bright yellow two lipped flowers in profusion. The leaves are bronzy when young and some of this colouring is retained on the new growth which makes a pleasant contrast to the yellow flowers.

This is a fully hardy plant which will grow in the shrub or herbaceous border in sun or partial shade. It likes fertile well drained soil and a good top mulching from time to time when dormant in autumn or winter.

It is easy enough to chop off a clump of roots to create new plants when in full dormancy or even when in full growth if these root suckers are then grown on in the greenhouse.

A long flowering, reliable and useful plant to grow in any summer flowering border.


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