

Acalypha Wilkesiana 'Godseffiana'



Family: Euphorbiaceae

Common Name: Heterophylla

Climate Zone: 10A-11. To 30F.

Origin: Pacific Islands

Flowering season: Summer; fall

Salt Tolerance: Medium

Soil requirements: Wide range

Nutritional requirements: Medium

Light requirements: High

Major problems: Mealybugs

Common uses: Shrub; foliage plant



This fast growing, evergreen, very bushy shrub has green, unevenly serrated, leaves with creamy-white margins. Leaves are slightly twisted and leaf width, on the same plant, varies considerably. The plant has a low drought tolerance and wilts easily. The shrub can be propagated by cuttings. This ungainly plant is interesting for the effects of its leaves. It is probably best planted, limb to limb, with other plants. In South Florida, prune in late February or March to keep it in bound. If necessary, it will tolerate a severe pruning. Where winter frosts occur, avoid late fall and winter fertilization. In South Florida, fertilize in late February and again in summer.