

## Variegated New Zealand Christmas Bush



*Metrosideros excelsa* Variegata is a hardy, stout trunked shrub or small tree with oblong, grey/green leaves and spectacular crimson pincushion or pom-pom type flowers that are made up of many fluffy stamens.

"Variegata" has yellow edged leaves". Will stand most soils but prefers moist, well-drained conditions. Avoid frosts but will survive in exposed seaside settings. Can be pruned to shape.

**Category:** Outdoor foliage plants

**Families:** Myrtaceae

**Genus:** *Metrosideros*

**Species:** *excelsa* "Aureus"

**Geographical Area of Origin:** Oceania

**Climatic Zones:** Sub-tropical, USDA 10 b (Southern Italy and islands)

**Habit:** Shrub

**Leaves:** Evergreen

**Colore Foglie:** Verde ☒ Giallo ☒ Variegato ☐

**Flowering Period:** Marzo / Aprile / Maggio / Giugno

**Flower:** Corymb

**Colore Fiori:** Giallo ☒ Rosso ☒

**Favorite soil:** Sub-acid / medium acid / Middle-Dough / Medium soil

**Water needs:** Medium

**Light Exposure:** Medium shade / Half shade / Full light / Full sun

**Form:** Grown as shrub / bush

**Colore Frutti:** Marrone ☒