

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