# Plant Finder

## Edward Goucher Abelia

***Abelia x grandiflora 'Edward Goucher'***

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ◐

Hardiness Zone: 6a

**Description:**

This compact and attractive shrub has beautiful deep green glossy foliage and its mounded habit and tubular shell pink and orange flowers make it the perfect presentation for a smaller area

**Ornamental Features**

Edward Goucher Abelia features dainty clusters of lightly-scented shell pink tubular flowers with orange throats at the ends of the branches in mid summer. It has attractive dark green evergreen foliage. The glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding coppery-bronze in the fall, which persists throughout the winter.

**Landscape Attributes**

Edward Goucher Abelia is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting birds, bees and butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.



*Edward Goucher Abelia flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*



*Edward Goucher Abelia in bloom*
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Edward Goucher Abelia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



*Edward Goucher Abelia foliage*
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**Planting & Growing**

Edward Goucher Abelia will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub does best in a location that gets morning sunlight but is shaded from the hot afternoon sun, although it will also grow in partial shade. Keep it away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Edward Goucher Abelia makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.