Glenfiddich Heather

Calluna vulgaris 'Glenfiddich'



Glenfiddich Heather in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 16 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Scotch Heather, Ling Heather

Description:

An eye catching dwarf shrub with copper-bronze foliage that turns coppery-orange in winter; upright racemes of small mauve flowers in late summer; very particular about growing conditions, needs acidic organic soil, will die in anything else

Ornamental Features

Glenfiddich Heather features tiny spikes of purple bell-shaped flowers at the ends of the branches from late summer to early fall. It has attractive coppery-bronze-variegated lime green foliage with hints of chartreuse. The needles are highly ornamental and turn outstanding shades of coppery-bronze and orange in the fall, which persists throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Glenfiddich Heather is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It is a good choice for attracting bees to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Glenfiddich Heather is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

Planting & Growing

Glenfiddich Heather will grow to be about 10 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 16 inches. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth, but will die in standing water. It is very fussy about its soil conditions and must have sandy, acidic soils to ensure success, and is subject to chlorosis (yellowing) of the foliage in alkaline soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider covering it with a thick layer of mulch in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

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