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## 'Edward Goucher' Abelia



- **Category:** Shrubs
- **Type:** Semi-Evergreen
- **Exposure:** Part Sun / Part Shade
- **Fall Color:** Purple
- **Blooms:** Spring / Summer / Fall
- **Flowers:** Lavender
- **Fruit:** Tan
- **Foliage:** Dark Green
- **Form:** Round, Spreading
- **Maximum Growth:** Approx. 5' h x 6' w
- **Zones:** 7 to 9
- **Drought Tolerance:** Moderate
- **Scientific Name:** *Abelia x grandiflora* 'Edward Goucher'
- **Usage:** Ornamental, Screen, Accent, Foundation, Mass



### Introduction

This semi-evergreen shrub is noted for its glossy foliage and long bloom time. While the tubular, one-inch long, soft pink flowers are not produced in huge quantities at any one time, bloom time extends from summer into autumn – with scattered flowers as late as December in the milder parts of the country. The small, glossy leaves emerge with a red tinge and mature to dark green. Its fine texture and late bloom season make it a good companion for shrubs such as Nandina 'Gulf Stream' or any sun tolerant rhododendrons. In bloom, it attracts bees, butterflies and hummingbirds.

### Use and Management

Sample Plant 'Edward Goucher' in full sun or part shade, with protection from cold winds, especially in zone 7. It also thrives against a sunny wall. Plants prefer well-drained soil and are drought tolerant once established. Random pruning can easily aggravate this shrub's awkward growth habit. Ideally, it should be planted where it has room to send up its long, arching, flower-bearing shoots unimpeded. If pruning is required, remove shoots at their bases in late spring. Alternatively, it can be grown as a hedge to 5 feet high and 3 feet wide. Once established, prune a hedge annually in spring.

### Additional Characteristics

- Low maintenance
- Use as a hedge, border, mass planting
- Attracts butterflies
- Fine texture
- Moderate growth
- Likes sun but can grow in partial shade

### Planting

- Typically planted in 1, 3, and 5 gal containers.



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