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## **Abelia x 'Edward Goucher'**

**Abelia**

### **Caprifoliaceae (Honeysuckle)**

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<b>Type</b>	Shrub
<b>Hardy range</b>	5B to 9A
<b>Height</b>	5' to 6' / 1.60m to 1.80m
<b>Spread</b>	6' to 7' / 1.80m to 2.20m
<b>Growth rate</b>	Average
<b>Form</b>	Rounded
<b>Exposure</b>	Partial shade or partial sun to full sun
<b>Persistence</b>	Semi-evergreen

<b>Bloom Color</b>	Lavender
<b>Bloom Time</b>	Spring through Fall

The flowers are fragrant and showy.

#### **Native Habitat**

Hybrid of *A. X grandiflora* and *A. schumannii*

#### **Crown, Branch and Twig**

This plant is asymmetrical with a fine texture and has a moderately dense crown.

This plant's bark is not showy.

Branches or twigs are thin.

This plant is often grown with multiple trunks.

This plant has low flammability.

#### **Culture Notes**

Glossy Abelia is a fine-textured, semi-evergreen, sprawling shrub with 1.5-inch-long, red-tinged leaves arranged along thin, arching, multiple stems. It stands out from other plants because the leaves retain the reddish foliage all summer long, whereas many plants with reddish leaves lose this coloration later in the summer. Considered to be evergreen in its southern range, Glossy Abelia will lose 50% of its leaves in colder climates, the remaining leaves taking on a more pronounced red color. Reaching a height of 5 to 6 feet with a spread of 6 feet, the gently rounded form of Glossy Abelia is clothed from spring through fall with terminal clusters of delicate pink and white, small, tubular flowers. Multiple stems arise from the ground in a vase-shape, spreading apart as they ascend into the foliage.

Glossy Abelia grows in an upright-spreading vase shape if left unpruned with numerous thin stems arising from the ground. Stems eventually branch near their tips forming a shrub with a full top and a thin bottom. The cascading nature of Glossy Abelia makes it ideal for use as a specimen, foundation plant, shrub border, planted along a steep

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<b>Leaf Color</b>	Green and purple
<b>Fall Color</b>	Copper and purple

This plant has attractive fall colors.

<b>Fruit Color</b>	Tan
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The fruit is dry, oval and inconspicuous.

#### **Environment**

This plant tolerates some drought and some salt.

This plant will grow in dry soil.

Suitable soil is well-drained/loamy, sandy or clay.

The pH preference is an acidic to slightly alkaline (less than 6.8 to 7.7) soil.

#### **Landscape Uses**

- Border
- Screen
- Massing
- Specimen

#### **Attributes and Features**

- Attracts butterflies