

***Coleonema***

***The confetti bush***

Coleonema display beautifully the rich flora that South Africa offers the gardening world.

This evergreen, indigenous shrub has feathery sweet aromatic foliage. A profusion of flowers cover the various species during the winter, spring and early summer months. Once spent the flowers scatter on the ground as would confetti at a wedding, hence the name confetti bush.

Coleonema enjoy a full sun position with well drained soil. If left untrimmed they can reach a height of 1 – 1.5 Metres depending on the species. Once planted do not allow plants to dry out until established. Once established they will survive long periods of drought.

These wonderfully hardy plants make excellent coastal gardening subjects and are able to with stand strong coastal winds. Bees, butterflies, insects and birds are attracted to the flowers.

**Coleonema pulchellum**: this shrub displays gentle pink star shaped flowers and reaches a height of approximatly 1 metre. It is an erect growing dense shrub. Pink Flowers occur from May to October.

**Coleonema album**: this shrub has dainty, small white flowers that are honey scented. The shrub itself is erect growing and compact and can reach a height of 2 metres. Flowers appear from May to November. They prefer a well drained and slightly more acidic soil then other Coleonema’s.

**Coleonema ‘Sunset Gold’ or Golden Breath of Heaven**: This is a compact shrub with golden needle-like foliage. The leaves are fragrant when crushed. It is shorter than other varieties growing to a height of 50cm with a spread 1m.Sunset Gold has tiny pale pink flowers from winter through to spring. Bees and butterflies are attracted to the flowers. It is a low maintenance plant that only needs pruning to keep it neat and tidy. Prune after it has flowered. Coleonema ‘Sunset Gold’ is a great plant to use as a contrast with other coloured foliage. Use it in mixed borders, in containers or mass planting.