

## BUDDLEIA x weyerana

Family: Loganiaceae

Common name: Butterfly Bush.

This is an unusual hybrid with *B. davidii* (asiatic species) and *B. globosa* (South American species) raised during World War 1 by Major William van de Weyer at Corfe Castle in England.

It forms a lax open shrub growing to 2m if pruned annually, bearing panicles comprising of globose heads of pale yellow flowers flushed with lilac and the leaves are mid-green.

Buddleia is a genus comprising of over 100 species of flowering plants endemic to Asia, Africa and the Americas. Some are deciduous while others are evergreen. Known to attract butterflies, they mostly flower in the summer. *B. alternifolia* and *crispa* flower late autumn. Propagation is usually by cuttings.

In the GBG there are *Buddleia davidii* forms of white, violet and lilac flowers also. These are on the exotic shrub bank between the Redwood and the Copper Beech.

