



Heavenly Bamboo, Harbour Dwarf

Nandina domestica 'Harbour Dwarf'

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 5b

Other Names: Nandina

Description:

A compact version of the species which emerges pink, matures to green, but eventually turns purplish-pink to red in fall; spring flowers but very little fruit; great for mass planting, borders, and foundation planting; suckers less than other varieties

Ornamental Features

Heavenly Bamboo, Harbour Dwarf has attractive green evergreen foliage which emerges pink in spring on a plant with a mounded habit of growth. The small pointy bipinnately compound leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding red in the fall, which persists throughout the winter. It has masses of beautiful panicles of creamy white flowers with yellow anthers at the ends of the branches from mid to late spring, which emerge from distinctive shell pink flower buds, and which are most effective when planted in groupings. The brick red stems can be quite attractive.

Landscape Attributes

Heavenly Bamboo, Harbour Dwarf is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Heavenly Bamboo, Harbour Dwarf is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Heavenly Bamboo, Harbour Dwarf
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Planting & Growing

Heavenly Bamboo, Harbour Dwarf will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It has a low canopy. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub does best in partial shade to shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Heavenly Bamboo, Harbour Dwarf makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.

Special Attributes

Evergreens need to be watered during the winter. Our desert climate especially in late winter to early spring evergreens can suffer during next growing season. An easy way to remember check for dryness on the holidays Halloween, Thanksgiving, New Year's Day, Valentines Day & Easter.