Daphne, Carol Mackie

Daphne x burkwoodii 'Carol Mackie'



Daphne, Carol Mackie flowers
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Height: 4 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Description:

A superb garden shrub featuring extremely fragrant light pink flowers in spring and delicately variegated foliage; the fragrance is intoxicating; very finicky plant, needing light shade and well-drained soil; never move once established

Ornamental Features

Daphne, Carol Mackie features showy clusters of fragrant shell pink tubular flowers at the ends of the branches in mid spring, which emerge from distinctive pink flower buds. It has attractive creamy white-variegated green foliage. The narrow leaves are highly ornamental and remain green throughout the winter.



Daphne, Carol Mackie in bloom
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Landscape Attributes

Daphne, Carol Mackie is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep. Trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage more blooms late into the season. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Daphne, Carol Mackie is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- General Garden Use

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Planting & Growing

Daphne, Carol Mackie will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in clay soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets.

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.



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