Burkwood Daphne

Daphne x burkwoodii

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Description:

A cherished garden plant for the intoxicating fragrance of its light pink and white flowers in spring; needs light shade and well-drained soil; never move once established



Burkwood Daphne flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Burkwood Daphne has clusters of fragrant shell pink tubular flowers with white overtones and pink throats at the ends of the branches in late spring. It has bluish-green evergreen foliage which emerges light green in spring. The narrow leaves remain bluish-green throughout the winter. It produces red berries in late summer.



Burkwood Daphne in bloom
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Landscape Attributes

Burkwood Daphne 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 shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should never be pruned except to remove any dieback, as it tends not to take pruning well. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Disease

Burkwood Daphne is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Burkwood Daphne will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 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 sandy soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. 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.

Burkwood Daphne makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. 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.