Somerset Daphne

Daphne x burkwoodii 'Somerset'



Somerset Daphne flowers
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Height: 4 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Description:

A beautiful garden plant featuring extremely fragrant pinkish-white flowers in spring and a tidy mounded shape; the fragrance is intoxicating; very finicky plant, needing light shade and well-drained soil; never move once established



Somerset Daphne in bloom
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Ornamental Features

Somerset Daphne 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 green evergreen foliage. The narrow leaves remain green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Somerset Daphne 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, 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

Somerset Daphne is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Somerset 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 clay 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.