Lunar Eclipse Daphne

Daphne x burkwoodii 'Lunar Eclipse'



Lunar Eclipse Daphne flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Description:

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

Ornamental Features

Lunar Eclipse Daphne features showy clusters of fragrant shell pink tubular flowers with white overtones at the ends of the branches in mid spring, which emerge from distinctive pink flower buds. It has attractive buttery yellow foliage edged in green. The narrow leaves are highly ornamental and remain buttery yellow throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Lunar Eclipse 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

Lunar Eclipse Daphne is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Lunar Eclipse Daphne will grow to be about 3 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, 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.