Golden Princess Spirea

Spiraea japonica 'Golden Princess'



Golden Princess Spirea in fall
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Description:

A compact garden shrub featuring foliage which emerges bronze changing to gold in summer, showy flat-topped clusters of bright pink flowers in early summer; forms a rounded mound, brings all-summer color to the garden; needs full sun and well-drained soil



Golden Princess Spirea foliage
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Ornamental Features

Golden Princess Spirea features showy clusters of pink flowers at the ends of the branches from late spring to early summer. It has attractive gold deciduous foliage which emerges coppery-bronze in spring. The small serrated pointy leaves are highly ornamental and turn yellow in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Golden Princess Spirea is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded 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 is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Golden Princess Spirea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Golden Princess Spirea 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 fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. 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. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.