Carol Mackie Daphne

Daphne x burkwoodii 'Carol Mackie'

Height: 3 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



Carol Mackie Daphne flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Carol Mackie 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 attractive creamy white-variegated green foliage. The narrow leaves are highly ornamental and remain green throughout the winter.



Carol Mackie Daphne in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Landscape Attributes

Carol Mackie 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

Carol Mackie Daphne is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- General Garden Use

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Planting & Growing

Carol Mackie 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.



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