Nikko Deutzia

Deutzia gracilis 'Nikko'

Nikko Deutzia in bloom
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Height: 24 inches

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Other Names: Slender Deutzia

Description:

A refined garden detail plant, valued for its low mounded habit, frothy white flowers in spring and good fall color; great for massing or use in the front of a shrub border

Ornamental Features

Nikko Deutzia is smothered in stunning racemes of lightly-scented white trumpet-shaped flowers along the branches from mid to late spring. It has green deciduous foliage. The small serrated pointy leaves turn an outstanding deep purple in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Nikko Deutzia 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 should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Nikko Deutzia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Nikko Deutzia flowers
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Planting & Growing

Nikko Deutzia will grow to be about 24 inches 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 should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under typical garden conditions. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. 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.

Nikko Deutzia makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. 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.