

Variegated Caucasian Daphne



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Height: 3 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: 6a

Description:

A lovely garden accent shrub featuring clusters of fragrant white flowers held over attractive, white-edged, blue-green foliage in spring; a fussy plant, needing light shade and well-drained soil; never move once established

Ornamental Features

Variegated Caucasian Daphne has clusters of fragrant white star-shaped flowers at the ends of the branches from late spring to early summer. It has attractive bluish-green foliage edged in white. The narrow leaves are highly ornamental and remain bluish-green throughout the winter. It produces red berries from late summer to mid fall, which fade to black over time.

Landscape Attributes

Variegated Caucasian Daphne is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

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. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Disease

Variegated Caucasian Daphne is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use



Variegated Caucasian Daphne flowers
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Planting & Growing

Variegated Caucasian 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 does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. 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 is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America, 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.