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Daphne x rollsdorfii 'Wilhelm Schact'

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 5b

Other Names: Rock Daphne

Description:

A generously reblooming cultivar producing stunning magenta pink blooms, contrasted by dense deep green foliage; needs light shade and well-drained soil; never move once established

Ornamental Features

Wilhelm Schact Daphne has clusters of fragrant hot pink tubular flowers at the ends of the branches from late spring to early summer. It has dark green evergreen foliage which emerges light green in spring. The small narrow leaves remain dark green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Wilhelm Schact Daphne is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded 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. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Disease

Wilhelm Schact Daphne is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Wilhelm Schact Daphne flowers
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Wilhelm Schact Daphne in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Wilhelm Schact Daphne will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. 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 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 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.

Wilhelm Schact Daphne 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.