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Cheriton Daphne



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Daphne 'Cheriton'

Height: 18 inches

Spread: 30 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Description:

A superb dwarf hybrid with intoxicatingly fragrant rosy-purple flowers held over a dense mound of green glossy foliage in spring, and sometimes again in fall; needs light shade and well-drained soil; never move once established

Ornamental Features

Cheriton Daphne has fragrant rose trumpet-shaped flowers with purple overtones along the branches in late spring. It has attractive dark green evergreen foliage. The narrow leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Cheriton 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 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

Cheriton Daphne is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Cheriton Daphne flowers
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Cheriton Daphne in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Cheriton Daphne will grow to be about 16 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 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 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.

Cheriton Daphne makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers and foliage against which the thriller plants stand out. 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.