



## Species: *Spiraea japonica* (or *x bumalda*)

(spye-ree'ah ja-pon'i-kah)

### Japanese Spirea

#### Cultivar Information

There are hundreds of cultivars of this species. Listed below are some of the more common/interesting varieties.

\* See specific cultivar notes on next page.

#### Ornamental Characteristics

Size: Shrub < 4 feet

Height: 2 1/2'

Leaves: Deciduous

Shape: rounded, bushy, dense

Ornamental Other: prefers sun

#### Environmental Characteristics

Light: Full sun

Hardy To Zone: 4a

Soil Ph: Can tolerate acid to alkaline soil (pH 5.0 to 8.0)

Environmental Other: deep pink flowers in June or July, occasionally later in summer. fine textured foliage; useful in mixed border

#### Insect Disease

relatively trouble-free

#### Bare Root Transplanting

Any

## Other

*S. japonica* native to Japan, Korea and China; Fast growth; easy to transplant; stays neat with little pruning

Cultivars for *Spiraea japonica* (or *x bumalda*)

Showing **1-23** of **23** items.

Cultivar Name	Notes
Anthony Waterer	'Anthony Waterer' - deep red flowers
Goldflame	'Goldflame' - gold foliage with red new tips
Goldmound	'Goldmound' - bright gold foliage
Little Princess	'Little Princess' - bright pink flowers, compact form
Magic Carpet	'Magic Carpet' - dwarf with red tipped foliage
Neon Flash	'Neon Flash' - vivid red flowers
var. alpina	var. alpina (a.k.a. 'Alpina', 'Nana', 'Nyewoods') - low, spreading groundcover form; grows to 2' tall and several feet wide; light pink blooms; small, blue-green finely-textured leaves
Golden Elf	'Golden Elf' - dwarf spreading form; grows to 10" tall; yellow leaves; pink blooms are produced sporadically; grows to 2' tall and wider
Golden Princess	'Golden Princess' (a.k.a. 'Lisp') - low mounding form; bright yellow foliage, emerges bronzy-orange; bright pink flowers; grows to 2' tall x 3' wide
Dakota Goldcharm	'Dakota Goldcharm' (a.k.a. 'Mertyann') - low mounding form; small gold-leaved form; grows to 18" tall x 3' wide; pink blooms; yellow foliage with bronze growing tips
Norman	'Norman' - compact mounding form; grows to 3' tall and wide; pink flowers; red-purple fall color
Shirobana	'Shirobana' (a.k.a. 'Shibori') - mounded form; rose, pink and white flower clusters on the same plant; grows to 4' tall and wide; glossy deep green leaves; sporadic reflowering
var. albiflora	var. albiflora - white flowers variety
Crispa	'Crispa' - compact mounding form; grows to 2 - 3' tall and as wide; deep pink flowers in flattened corymbs (to 3" across); dark green leaves are twisted and crinkled; foliage emerges with a reddish tint, some burgundy variegation may be seen in mature foliage
Candlelight	'Candlelight' - soft yellow, ovate leaves turn red in autumn; grows to 2' tall; deep rosy-pink flowers in compact clusters

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Coccinea	'Coccinea' - upright rounded form; crimson-red flowers in flattened cluster; foliage emerges reddish purple, matures to blue-green, then reddish in fall
Double Play Big Bang	'Double Play Big Bang' - massive pink flowers; orange spring foliage brightens to yellow foliage; deer-resistant; grows to 36 - 48" tall x 24 - 36" wide
Double Play Gold	'Double Play Gold' - golden foliage; hot pink flowers; deer-resistant; low maintenance; grows to 24 - 36" tall x 16 - 24" wide
Double Play Artist	'Double Play Artist' - compact mound; red new growth fades to green; fuschia flowers; deer resistant; very low maintenance; grows 30 - 36" tall x 24 - 30" wide
Dakota Goldcharm	'Dakota Goldcharm' (a.k.a. 'Mertyann') -low mounding form; showy golden foliage; bright pink flowers; foliage emerges bronze, turns yellow-gold in summer and develops a pink-red fall color; grows to 15-18" tall x 2-3' wide
Dart's Red	'Dart's Red' - low-growing rounded form; young leaves have a pinkish red color and become dark green at maturity; drought tolerant; blue-green foliage; grows to 4' tall x 5' wide
Double Play Doozie	2-3' high and wide. Bright red spring foliage turns to green. Does not produce seeds, blooms throughout season.
Double Play Red	Dark pink to red flowers

## Photos



God leaf variant



*Spiraea japonica* - Flowers, Habit





*Spiraea japonica* - Buds



*Spiraea japonica* - Habit, Fall Interest



*Spiraea japonica* - Leaves, Fruit



*Spiraea japonica* - Habit





*Spiraea japonica* - Flowers



*Spiraea x bumalda* - Habit, Flowers



*Spiraea japonica* - Leaves