



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 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