Dart's Red Spirea

Spiraea x bumalda 'Dart's Red'



Dart's Red Spirea flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Spiraea japonica

Description:

A compact, spreading garden shrub with beautiful flat-topped clusters of long-lasting carmine-red flowers held over the foliage, turns purple in fall; ideal size for garden detail use, stunning used in groupings; needs full sun and well-drained soil



Dart's Red Spirea in bloom
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Ornamental Features

Dart's Red Spirea features showy clusters of cherry red flowers at the ends of the branches from late spring to early summer. It has attractive bluish-green deciduous foliage which emerges red in spring. The small serrated pointy leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding coppery-bronze in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Dart's Red Spirea is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded 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 is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Dart's Red Spirea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Dart's Red Spirea 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 fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.