Slender Deutzia

Deutzia gracilis

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 5



Slender Deutzia in bloom
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Slender Deutzia flowers
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Description:

An adaptable general purpose garden shrub known for its frothy white flowers in spring; rather unassuming the rest of the year, use where it can be complemented by other plants when not in bloom

Ornamental Features

Slender Deutzia is clothed in stunning racemes of lightly-scented white trumpet-shaped flowers along the branches from mid to late spring. It has green deciduous foliage. The serrated pointy leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Slender Deutzia 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 is a high maintenance shrub that will require regular care and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Slender Deutzia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Slender Deutzia will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It has a low canopy. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under typical garden conditions. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is not originally from North America.

Slender Deutzia makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. 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.