Ena Nishiki Variegated Disanthus

Disanthus cercidifolius 'Ena Nishiki'

Height: 10 feet

Spread: 7 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

A slender branched shrub or small tree that gradually spreads with age; lovely small heart shaped leaves with creamy variegated edges that turn a vivid red-purple in fall; an excellent garden accent



Ena Nishiki Variegated Disanthus foliage
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Ornamental Features

Ena Nishiki Variegated Disanthus has attractive green foliage edged in creamy white on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth. The heart-shaped leaves are highly ornamental and turn red in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Ena Nishiki Variegated Disanthus is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Ena Nishiki Variegated Disanthus is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Ena Nishiki Variegated Disanthus will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 7 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Ena Nishiki Variegated Disanthus makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Its large size and upright habit of growth lend it for use as a solitary accent, or in a composition surrounded by smaller plants around the base 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.