Golden Kupcake™ Spirea

Spiraea x bumalda 'RLH-SBGK'

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Spiraea japonica

Description:

One of the most versatile of garden shrubs for color effect, with foliage emerging red and maturing to yellow-green in summer, then turning red in fall; showy flat-topped clusters of pink flowers in early summer; forms a compact dense ball, neat and tidy



Golden Kupcake Spirea flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Golden Kupcake Spirea features showy clusters of hot pink flowers at the ends of the branches from late spring to early summer. It has attractive lime green-variegated yellow foliage with hints of chartreuse which emerges red in spring. The small serrated pointy leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding scarlet in the fall.



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Landscape Attributes

Golden Kupcake 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.

Golden Kupcake Spirea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Golden Kupcake Spirea will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 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 may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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.