Dwarf Red-leaved Snow Bush

Breynia disticha 'Roseopicta Nana'

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 10 inches

Sunlight: ◐

Hardiness Zone: 9

Other Names: Redleaf Breynia, Hawiian Snow Bush, Snowbush

Description:

A compact, very dwarf selection, with red to pink new foliage that matures to green with white variegation; showy foliage looks great all season; prefers part sun and rich, well drained soil; great for containers, border fronts or miniature gardens

Ornamental Features

Dwarf Red-leaved Snow Bush has attractive white-variegated green foliage with hints of pink which emerges red in spring on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth. The oval leaves are highly ornamental and remain green throughout the winter. The cherry red stems are very effective and add winter interest.

Landscape Attributes

Dwarf Red-leaved Snow Bush is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and can be pruned at anytime. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Dwarf Red-leaved Snow Bush is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting



Dwarf Red-leaved Snow Bush foliage
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Planting & Growing

Dwarf Red-leaved Snow Bush will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 inches. 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 be grown in a location with partial shade. Keep it away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. This plant will benefit from an application of bonemeal and/or mycorrhizal fertilizer at the time of planting. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Dwarf Red-leaved Snow Bush makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a canvas of foliage against which the larger thriller plants stand out. 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.