Firefly™ Diervilla

Diervilla 'Bokofire'

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 3 feet

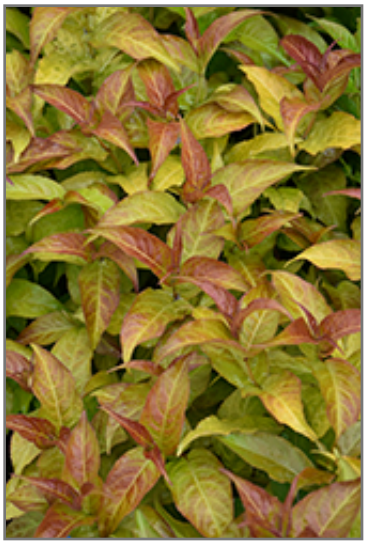
Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Bush Honeysuckle

Description:

This smaller shrub features electric yellow flower clusters in late spring on a neat, rounded habit; gold and orange foliage provides vibrant contrast to darker plants; a drought and shade tolerant plant that is great for challenging sites



Firefly Diervilla flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Firefly Diervilla features showy panicles of yellow trumpet-shaped flowers along the branches from late spring to early summer. It has attractive orange-variegated gold foliage with hints of chartreuse which emerges brick red in spring. The pointy leaves are highly ornamental and turn outstanding shades of orange and in the fall.



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Landscape Attributes

Firefly Diervilla is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a mounded form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

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 and hummingbirds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Suckering

Firefly Diervilla is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Firefly Diervilla will grow to be about 4 feet 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 medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.



Firefly Diervilla foliage
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Firefly Diervilla 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.