Japanese Bottlebrush

Sanguisorba obtusa

Plant Height: 24 inches

Flower Height: 3 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 20 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Ornamental Burnet

Description:

Gaining popularity in North America, bottlebrush plants are lacy and full of pink bottlebrush-like flowers thru summer that are ideal for cutting, held atop attractive compound leaves; a pretty addition to the garden

Ornamental Features

Japanese Bottlebrush features airy spikes of pink flowers at the ends of the stems in mid summer. Its attractive textured oval compound leaves remain grayish green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Japanese Bottlebrush is an herbaceous perennial with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Japanese Bottlebrush is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover



Japanese Bottlebrush flowers
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Planting & Growing

Japanese Bottlebrush will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity extending to 3 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 20 inches apart. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 15 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant 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 species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.



Japanese Bottlebrush foliage
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