Dwarf White Berry Nandina

Nandina domestica 'Compacta Alba'



Dwarf White Berry Nandina
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Height: 30 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Heavenly Bamboo

Description:

A compact and graceful evergreen shrub loaded with creamy-white berries in the fall; the fall foliage has a light-green to yellow color and lacks the red color of the species; very compact habit, excellent in the garden as a textural effect

Ornamental Features

Dwarf White Berry Nandina is primarily grown for its highly ornamental fruit. It features an abundance of magnificent creamy white berries from early fall to late winter. It has attractive light green evergreen foliage which emerges coppery-bronze in spring. The narrow compound leaves are highly ornamental and remain light green throughout the winter. It has masses of beautiful clusters of white flowers rising above the foliage from mid to late spring, which are most effective when planted in groupings.

Landscape Attributes

Dwarf White Berry Nandina is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded 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. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Suckering

Dwarf White Berry Nandina is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Dwarf White Berry Nandina will grow to be about 30 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It has a low canopy. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub does best in a location that gets morning sunlight but is shaded from the hot afternoon sun, although it will also grow in full 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. 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 is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Dwarf White Berry Nandina makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. 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.