



## Tangutica Daphne

*Daphne tangutica*

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ☐ ☒

Hardiness Zone: 6b

### Description:

A superb garden plant with its clusters of dark violet and white two-tone flowers that are highly fragrant; blooms in mid to late spring with berries to follow; needs light shade and well-drained soil; never move once established

### Ornamental Features

Tangutica Daphne has clusters of fragrant white tubular flowers with purple throats and a violet reverse at the ends of the branches from mid to late spring, which emerge from distinctive deep purple flower buds. It has attractive dark green evergreen foliage which emerges lime green in spring. The narrow leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter. It produces scarlet berries in late summer.

### Landscape Attributes

Tangutica Daphne 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 should never be pruned except to remove any dieback, as it tends not to take pruning well. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Disease

Tangutica Daphne is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Tangutica Daphne flowers*  
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*Tangutica Daphne in bloom*  
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- Accent
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

**Planting & Growing**

Tangutica Daphne will grow to be about 3 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 slow 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 prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in clay soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This species is not originally from North America, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets.

Tangutica Daphne 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.