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### **Carol Mackie Daphne**

*Daphne x burkwoodii 'Carol Mackie'*

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ●

Hardiness Zone: 4

#### **Description:**

A superb garden shrub featuring extremely fragrant light pink flowers in spring and delicately variegated foliage; the fragrance is intoxicating; needs light shade and well-drained soil.

#### **Ornamental Features**

Carol Mackie Daphne features showy clusters of fragrant shell pink tubular flowers at the ends of the branches in mid spring, which emerge from distinctive pink flower buds. It has attractive creamy white-variegated green foliage. The narrow leaves are highly ornamental and remain green throughout the winter.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Carol Mackie Daphne is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Carol Mackie Daphne is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- General Garden Use



*Carol Mackie Daphne flowers*  
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*Carol Mackie Daphne in bloom*  
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### Planting & Growing

Carol Mackie Daphne will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 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 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 prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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 both summer and winter to conserve soil moisture and protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid, 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.



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