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Nana Purpurea Nandina

Nandina domestica 'Nana Purpurea'



Nana Purpurea Nandina foliage
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Height: 24 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 5b

Other Names: Heavenly Bamboo

Description:

Amazing foliage throughout the season, from purplish bronze in spring, to green during summer, then burgundy-purple again in the fall; excellent in mass plantings for textural effect; seldom flowers in cooler climates

Ornamental Features

Nana Purpurea Nandina is primarily valued in the garden for its interestingly mounded form. It has attractive red-spotted green foliage which emerges purple in spring. The narrow compound leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding burgundy in the fall, which persists throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Nana Purpurea Nandina is a dense 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Nana Purpurea Nandina is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

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Planting & Growing

Nana Purpurea Nandina will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. 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 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.

Nana Purpurea 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.