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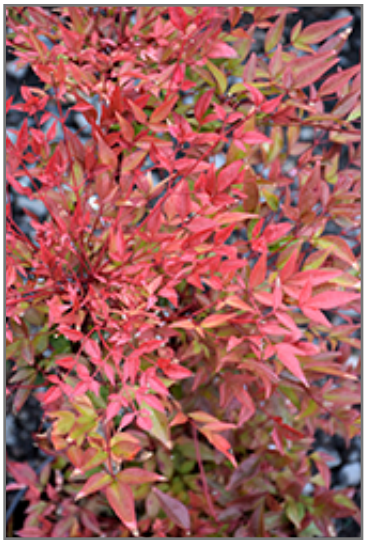
Obsession™ Nandina

Nandina domestica 'Seika'



Obsession Nandina foliage
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Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 5b

Other Names: Heavenly Bamboo

Description:

This improved variety has bright red new growth in the warmer months as well as the colder months; keeps its dense upright growth habit; excellent in mass plantings for textural effect; drought, cold, and humidity tolerant, and non-invasive

Ornamental Features

Obsession Nandina is primarily valued in the garden for its ornamental upright and spreading habit of growth. It has attractive bluish-green foliage edged in red which emerges red in spring. The narrow compound leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding red in the fall, which persists throughout the winter.

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Landscape Attributes

Obsession Nandina is a dense 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 is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Obsession Nandina is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

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Planting & Growing

Obsession Nandina 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 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.

Obsession Nandina makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use 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.