# Dakota Goldcharm Spirea

***Spiraea japonica 'Mertyann'***

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 2

**Description:**

A stunning garden detail shrub, featuring golden foliage which emerges bronze, turning red in fall, and flat-topped clusters of pink flowers in early summer; very low growing and compact, ideal for rock and alpine gardens or as a flowering groundcover

**Ornamental Features**

Dakota Goldcharm Spirea is covered in stunning clusters of pink flowers at the ends of the branches from late spring to early summer. It has attractive gold deciduous foliage which emerges coppery-bronze in spring. The small serrated pointy leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding coppery-bronze in the fall.

**Landscape Attributes**

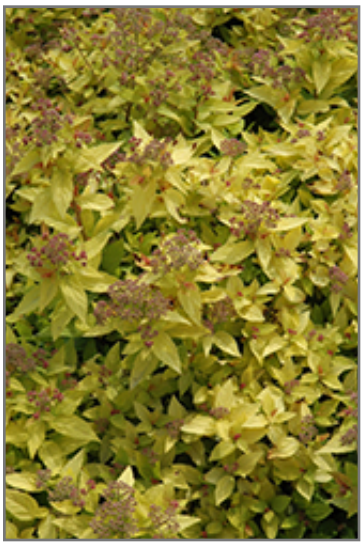
Dakota Goldcharm Spirea is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Dakota Goldcharm Spirea is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Dakota Goldcharm Spirea in bloom*
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*Dakota Goldcharm Spirea foliage*
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- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

**Planting & Growing**

Dakota Goldcharm Spirea will grow to be about 24 inches 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 fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. 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.



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