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Double Play® Blue Kazoo® Spirea

Spiraea media 'SMSMBK'

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Group/Class: Double Play Series

Description:

This variety features steel blue-green foliage that turns red in fall; elegant clusters of white blooms cover this shrub in spring; fantastic as a garden focal point, or low hedge



Double Play Blue Kazoo Spirea flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Double Play Blue Kazoo Spirea in bloom
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Ornamental Features

Double Play Blue Kazoo Spirea is smothered in stunning clusters of white flowers at the ends of the branches from late spring to early summer. It has steel blue-variegated bluish-green foliage with hints of lavender which emerges burgundy in spring. The serrated pointy leaves turn an outstanding red in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Double Play Blue Kazoo 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.

Double Play Blue Kazoo Spirea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

Planting & Growing

Double Play Blue Kazoo Spirea 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 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.



Double Play Blue Kazoo Spirea foliage
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