

‘Anthony Waterer’ Pink Spirea ***Spiraea x bumalda* ‘Anthony Waterer’**

Plant Description:

Baby’s Breath Spirea (*Spiraea thunbergii*) and Bridal Wreath Spirea (*Spiraea prunifolia*) have long been Southern garden favorites. But if you’d like a Spirea that’s a little different, look for a dwarf pink spirea called ‘Anthony Waterer’. This deciduous, dwarf shrub has showy clusters of rosy pink blooms that are eye-catching during summer, and foliage that turns reddish-maroon during fall. It makes an attractive addition to a cottage garden, butterfly garden, or mixed border.

Mature Size: 2-3 feet tall; 3-4 feet wide

Growth Rate: Moderate

Plant Habit: Upright

Ornamental Characteristics & Uses:

Foliage Color: Green

Flower Color: Pink

Bloom Time: Summer

Attracts Wildlife: Butterflies

Uses: Landscape accent; mixed border; mass planting; butterfly garden; cut flower



Growing Requirements:

Cold Hardiness Zone(s): 5 – 9

Exposure: Full Sun; Partial Shade

Soil Tolerances: Prefers well-drained soils

Soil pH: Slightly acidic to slightly alkaline

Maintenance: Easy/Low



General Care & Growing Tips:

These plants may require regular watering during establishment. Like most plants, they benefit from a 2- to 3-inch layer of organic mulch to help retain soil moisture. Apply a slow-release fertilizer in early spring as new growth begins. Prune to shape after flowering; for a formal appearance, shear annually after flowering.

Common Pests:

Leaf spots may appear during prolonged periods of wet weather but are not of major concern.

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