‘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

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**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.

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**Common Pests:**

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

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