Dwarf Nandina
_Nandina domestica ‘Compacta’_

Nandina is a semi-evergreen plant species. ‘Compacta’ is a non-invasive cultivar that can reach 4 feet in height making it more manageable in smaller landscapes. New foliage in the spring has a light red tint, turning green in the summer before turning red to red-bronze in the fall and winter. All nandina species are highly tolerant of poor soil condition and quality as long as it’s given adequate drainage and NOT SAND. When given at least mediocre care it’s also highly pest and disease resistant. It is an ideal plant for rarely maintained landscapes.

**Type:** perennial shrub

**USDA hardiness zones:** 5 through 10

**Uses:** container or above-ground planter; mass planting; ground cover; foundation; edging

**Origin:** not native to Florida

**Height:** 2 to 4 feet  
**Spread:** 1 to 3 feet

**Plant spacing:** 18 to 24 inches

**Light requirement:** full sun to part sun

**Soil tolerances:** alkaline; clay; sand; acidic; loam

**Drought tolerance:** moderate

**Soil salt tolerances:** poor

**Invasive potential:** not known to be invasive

**Pest resistance:** long-term health usually not affected by pests

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