

Compact Nandina



- **Category:** Shrubs
- **Type:** Broadleaf Evergreen
- **Exposure:** Part Sun / Part Shade
- **Fall Color:** Red
- **Blooms:** Spring
- **Flowers:** White
- **Fruit:** Red
- **Foliage:** Purple to Red
- **Form:** Upright
- **Maximum Growth:** Approx. 4'h x 3'w
- **Zones:** 6 to 10
- **Drought Tolerance:** High
- **Scientific Name:** *Nandina domestica* 'Compacta'
- **Usage:** Ornamental, Specimen, Accent, Foreground, Mass, Border



Introduction

Nandina can be grown in partial shade, but it will exhibit richer-colored, red fall foliage if planted in the sun. Foliage diseases will be less in full sun. Although tolerant to drought once established, rich soil and ample moisture will produce a more lush, better-looking plant. Plants survive with neglect, although regular fertilization encourages growth and thicker plants. With bamboo-like stalks and delicate, fern-like foliage, Nandina is much prized for its oriental effect and distinctive appearance.

Use and Management

Nandina is a low maintenance shrub, requiring only one pruning each year to control plant height, if needed. The tallest canes should be trimmed to the ground or to different heights to encourage growth and to reduce the size. This will provide for more foliage toward the ground and promote a denser plant. This cultivar has brighter winter foliage and may be one of the best compact selections.

Characteristics

- **Soil Moisture:** Moist, well-drained
- **Soil Types/Tolerance:** Acidic; slightly alkaline; sand; loam; clay
- **Foliage Color:** Copper in spring turning to reddish-purple
- **Uses:** Border; mass planting; hedge, container or above-ground planter
- **Additional Features:** None
- **Special Resistance:** Deer, rabbits, seashore



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Planting

- Available in 1, 3 or 5 gal containers.
- Suggested plant spacing are: Plant 18", 24" to 36" OC
- Bed Preparation:
 - Spread 3" of bed mix in ground cover beds
 - Till 6" deep, rake beds to drain away from structure
 - Plant
 - Topdress with 2" of double ground (fine) hardwood mulch.
- Hand water in after planting
- Set sprinkler controller to water beds:
 - Once every two days for two weeks in spring and early fall.
 - Once a day for two weeks when temperatures reach 98+ degrees.
 - Have Owner monitor moisture and report over or under watering immediately.
 - After two weeks reassess the watering needs, and set at twice a week thereafter.

