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# Shirobana Spirea

***Spiraea japonica 'Shirobana'***

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3



*Shirobana Spirea in bloom*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

**Description:**

An unusual garden shrub in that it features highly attractive flat-topped flowers in combinations of red, pink and white all on the same plant, held above the foliage in early summer; upright and mounded, makes an ideal color accent or garden detail shrub



*Shirobana Spirea flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

**Ornamental Features**

Shirobana Spirea is smothered in stunning clusters of pink flowers with white overtones at the ends of the branches from late spring to mid summer, which emerge from distinctive rose flower buds. It has bluish-green deciduous foliage. The small serrated pointy leaves turn an outstanding coppery-bronze in the fall.

**Landscape Attributes**

Shirobana 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.

Shirobana Spirea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

**Planting & Growing**

Shirobana 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.