Kodiak Fresh® Diervilla - New For 2026!

Diervilla 'SMNDSS'

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Other Names: Bush Honeysuckle

Group/Class: Kodiak Series

Description:

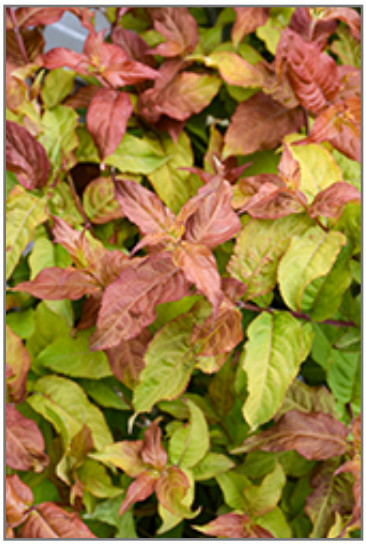
This smaller shrub features attractive lime-yellow foliage in summer on a neat, rounded habit; yellow flower clusters also in summer; glowing orange fall color; a drought and shade tolerant plant that is great for challenging sites

Ornamental Features

Kodiak Fresh Diervilla features showy panicles of yellow trumpet-shaped flowers at the ends of the branches from early to mid summer. It has lime green-variegated yellow foliage with hints of chartreuse which emerges red in spring. The pointy leaves turn outstanding shades of orange and in the fall. The brick red stems can be quite attractive.

Landscape Attributes

Kodiak Fresh Diervilla is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a mounded form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.



Kodiak Fresh Diervilla foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Kodiak Fresh Diervilla flowers
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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 and hummingbirds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Suckering

Kodiak Fresh Diervilla is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting



Kodiak Fresh Diervilla
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Planting & Growing

Kodiak Fresh Diervilla 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 medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub performs well in both full sun and full shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under typical garden conditions. To help this plant achive its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Kodiak Fresh Diervilla makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.