# Double Play® Candy Corn® Spirea

***Spiraea japonica 'NCSX1'***

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 30 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3b

**Description:**

An outstanding shrub for color effect in the garden, with glowing yellow foliage which emerges bright red, then orange; flat-topped clusters of contrasting purple flowers in early summer; forms a dense, compact mound that is neat and tidy

**Ornamental Features**

Double Play Candy Corn Spirea features showy clusters of purple flowers at the ends of the branches from late spring to early summer. It has attractive yellow foliage with hints of orange which emerges cherry red in spring. The small serrated pointy leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding coppery-bronze in the fall.

**Landscape Attributes**

Double Play Candy Corn Spirea is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a mounded 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.

Double Play Candy Corn Spirea is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Double Play Candy Corn Spirea foliage*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*



*Double Play Candy Corn Spirea*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

penderpines@gmail.com **910-270-2706** www.penderpines.com

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

**Planting & Growing**

Double Play Candy Corn Spirea will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 inches. 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.



*Double Play Candy Corn Spirea*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*