

## Daphne

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#### Daphne (Daphne odora)

Daphne [DAFF-nee] shrubs come to us from all over the world. While there are a variety of types and sizes of Daphnes, as a group they are valued for of their handsome foliage, compact habit and fragrant flowers.

#### Size:

Mature fragrant daphnes are typically about 6 feet tall and 6 feet wide. They grow at a slow to medium rate, forming upright shoots at first. Few daphne shrubs live more than 10 years.





Foliage: Fragrant daphne leaves are from 1 to 3 inches long. The evergreen is lance-shaped, a dark, and glossy green, they have grayish undersides.

One fragrant daphne variety has variegated leaves that are green with yellow edges.









#### Flowers and Fruit:

The flowers of fragrant daphne appear in the late winter or early spring. They are very fragrant. Often in hot, dry summers fragrant daphne shrubs produce small, yellow berries. All parts of this shrub are poisonous.



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# **Using Daphne In Landscape**





Plant these aromatic daphnes near the house or along a walk so passers by can appreciate their fragrance. They make lovely freestanding shrubs, or can be included in a cluster of foundation plantings, ideally in a sheltered spot near a building.

## **Planting Daphne**

#### **The Right Place**

Fragrant Daphnes are most at home in the South. However certain varieties are moderately hardy and will do well in protected northern sites along the eastern seaboard into Maryland and parts of southern Pennsylvania (zone 7).

#### **Planting Nursery Stock**

Plant Daphne shrubs when they are small, from 8 to 15 inches tall. Pick the site carefully, since once established, they resent being moved. Remove the shrub from its container so that the sandy soil does not fall away from the roots.





## **Caring for Daphne**

Watering



**Mulching** 

Pruning / Grooming

Winter **Protection** 













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