



# First Editions® Pink Sparkler™ Birchleaf Spirea

Spiraea betulifolia 'COURISPI01'

Height: 4 feet
Spread: 4 feet
Sunlight: O

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Other Names: Birchleaf Spirea

## **Description:**

An elegant and versatile garden shrub with clusters of vivid pink flowers appearing in early summer, then again in autumn; lovely burgundy fall leaf color; compact habit makes it ideal for use in smaller gardens and rock gardens; very low maintenance

#### **Ornamental Features**

First Editions® Pink Sparkler Birchleaf Spirea is covered in stunning clusters of pink flowers at the ends of the branches from late spring to early fall. It has forest green deciduous foliage. The small oval leaves turn an outstanding burgundy in the fall.

## Landscape Attributes

First Editions® Pink Sparkler Birchleaf Spirea is a dense 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 is a relatively low maintenance shrub, 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.



First Editions® Pink Sparkler Birchleaf Spirea flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



First Editions® Pink Sparkler Birchleaf Spirea in bloom Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



First Editions® Pink Sparkler Birchleaf Spirea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use

## **Planting & Growing**

First Editions® Pink Sparkler Birchleaf Spirea will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 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 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.

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