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## Dwarf Chinese Astilbe

*Astilbe chinensis "Pumila"*

Plant Height: 8 inches

Flower Height: 12 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 2

Other Names: False Spirea

### Ornamental Features:

Dwarf Chinese Astilbe features beautiful plumes of fuchsia flowers at the ends of the stems from mid to late summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It's ferny compound leaves remain emerald green in color throughout the season. The fruit is not ornamentally significant.

### Landscape Attributes:

Dwarf Chinese Astilbe is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance perennial, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. 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.

Dwarf Chinese Astilbe is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- General Garden Use
- Mass Planting
- Container Planting
- Border Edging
- Rock/Alpine Gardens

### Plant Characteristics:

Dwarf Chinese Astilbe will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity extending to 12 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years.



*Astilbe chinensis "Pumila" flowers*  
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This perennial does best in partial shade to shade. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth. It is very fussy about its soil conditions and must have rich, acidic soils to ensure success, and is subject to chlorosis (yellowing) of the leaves in alkaline soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This plant can be propagated by division.

This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

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