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## Kodiak® Orange Diervilla Diervilla 'G2X88544'

Height: 4 feet Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: O D

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Bush Honeysuckle

Group/Class: Kodiak Series

### **Description:**

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

### **Ornamental Features**

Kodiak Orange Diervilla features showy panicles of yellow trumpet-shaped flowers along the branches from early to mid summer. It has green deciduous foliage which emerges orange in spring. The pointy leaves turn outstanding shades of orange and in the fall.

### **Landscape Attributes**

Kodiak Orange 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 Orange Diervilla in bloom Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Kodiak Orange Diervilla flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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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 Orange Diervilla is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

### **Planting & Growing**

Kodiak Orange Diervilla 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.



Kodiak Orange Diervilla foliage Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

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 average home landscape conditions. 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 Orange 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.