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### Poprocks™ Rainbow Fizz™ Spirea Spiraea japonica 'Matgold'

Height: 4 feet Spread: 4 feet Sunlight: •

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Other Names: Spiraea x bumalda Group/Class: Poprocks Series

#### **Description:**

A striking garden detail shrub featuring copper emergent foliage, turning to yellow with red tips, finishing with copper-red in fall; small flat-topped clusters of pink flowers in early summer; great for mixed borders or along walkways

#### **Ornamental Features**

Poprocks Rainbow Fizz Spirea is smothered in stunning clusters of pink flowers at the ends of the branches from late spring to early summer, which emerge from distinctive red flower buds. It has attractive red-tipped yellow foliage with hints of light green which emerges coppery-bronze in spring. The small serrated pointy leaves are highly ornamental and turn outstanding shades of coppery-bronze and in the fall.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Poprocks Rainbow Fizz Spirea is a 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 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.



Poprocks Rainbow Fizz Spirea flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Poprocks Rainbow Fizz Spirea foliage Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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Poprocks Rainbow Fizz Spirea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

#### **Planting & Growing**

Poprocks Rainbow Fizz 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 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.



Poprocks Rainbow Fizz Spirea foliage Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder