



Pieris japonica 'Cavatine'

DWARF LILY-OF-THE-VALLEY SHRUB

Outstanding Qualities

Pieris japonica 'Cavatine' is one of the best dwarf forms of this useful shrub, consistently receiving the highest rating in GPP evaluations. This small, compact evergreen has year-round interest. Pale green winter flower buds contrast well with its dark green foliage. In mid-March it is almost completely covered in bell-shaped, creamy white blooms, providing a source of nectar for early-season pollinators such as mason bees. Dwarf lily-of-the-valley shrub makes a beautiful low informal hedge, and it can be used to hide the leggy stems of taller shrubs. It is well adapted to container culture and can grow for several years in a pot.

Culture Notes

Japanese andromeda is easy to grow in rich well-drained or sandy soil. This selection will also tolerate clay soil if the drainage is adequate. It prefers a site with full sun to light or open shade for the best flowering and growth. Occasional watering during dry weather will keep it looking its best and if planted in sandy soil regular watering may be necessary. Faded flowers can be snapped off or lightly sheared off. This should be done as soon as the flowers have faded. Avoid locations in hot spots.



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Quick Facts

Plant Type: shrub

Foliage Type: evergreen

Plant Height (10-year): 2 ft. 0 in. (0.61 meters)

Plant Width/Spread (10-year): 2 ft. 0 in. (0.61 meters)

Plant Height-Mature: 4 ft. 0 in. (1.22 meters)

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Hardiness: USDA Zones 6 to 8

Flower Color: cream

Flowering Time: spring

Sun/Light Exposure: full sun or light to open shade

Water Requirements: occasional watering

Resistant to: deer