



Deutzia × *rosea* 'Nikko Blush'



Botanical Name: *Deutzia* × *rosea* 'Nikko Blush'
(NA74356; PI669442)

Hardiness: USDA Zones 5-8.

Development: 'Nikko Blush' originated from a controlled cross made at the National Arboretum in 1987 between *Deutzia gracilis* 'Nikko' and *Deutzia* × *rosea* 'Carminea' with the intent of creating a pink-flowering selection that had the appealing compact growth habit of 'Nikko'. Approximately 18 seedlings resulted from this cross, and propagules of three were sent for evaluation in 2005.

Significance: 'Nikko Blush' was selected for its abundant pink-blushed flowers and flower buds that appear in late spring contrasting with medium-green foliage on a low-growing mounded shrub.

Description: **Height and width:** 3 feet high and 4.5 feet wide after four years in Washington, DC.

Habit: Deciduous, low-mounded, somewhat spreading shrub with arching branches.

Foliage: Fine-textured, medium green, willow-like leaves.

Flowers: Profuse pink-blushed flowers in late April to early May, mildly fragrant.

Propagation: Propagates readily by softwood cuttings dipped in 1000-3000 ppm IBA under mist, with rooting occurring in 4-6 weeks. It also roots easily by natural layering.

Landscape Use: Flowering groundcover, massed on a wall or terrace, in the front of a shrub border, as a low-growing hedge, or as a container plant. Transplants readily and withstands pruning to rejuvenate or shape as needed.

Availability: Monrovia Growers, 18331 E. Foothill Blvd., Azusa, CA 91702; or contact Margaret Pooler, U.S. National Arboretum, 10300 Baltimore Ave., Bldg. 010A, Beltsville, MD 20705, Margaret.Pooler@ars.usda.gov