



## *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* 'Carminaea' 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](mailto:Margaret.Pooler@ars.usda.gov)