



Moon Bay Nandina



- **Category:** Shrubs
- **Type:** Broadleaf Evergreen
- **Exposure:** Part Shade / Part Sun
- **Blooms:** Spring
- **Flowers:** White
- **Fruit:** Red
- **Foliage:** Burgundy / Green
- **Form:** Round
- **Maximum Growth:** 18'h x 24'w
- **Zones:** 6 to 10
- **Drought Tolerance:** High
- **Scientific Name:** *Nandina Domestica* 'Moon Bay'
- **Usage:** Ornamental, Specimen, Accent, Foundation, Foreground, Mass



Introduction

Nandina can be grown in partial shade, but it will exhibit richer-colored, red fall foliage if planted in the sun. Foliage diseases will be less in full sun. Although tolerant to drought once established, rich soil and ample moisture will produce a more lush, better-looking plant. Plants survive with neglect, although regular fertilization encourages growth and thicker plants. With bamboo-like stalks and delicate, fern-like foliage, Nandina is much prized for its oriental effect and distinctive appearance.

Use and Management

'Moon Bay' Nandina is a fine, compact dwarf variety, producing brilliant red winter foliage, and pale green new foliage. Somewhat smaller leaves than is typical for this species. Mature height reaches 1 ½ to 2 ½ feet. This is an upright shrub with evergreen leaves that are pinnate to 3 – pinnate with lance-shaped leaflets. Bears conical panicles, to 16 inches long, of small star-shaped, white flowers with large, yellow anthers. Red berry-like clusters are persistent through winter, and can be used in arrangements or eaten by birds.

Additional Characteristics

- **Soil Moisture:** Moist, well-drained
- **Soil Types/Tolerance:** Acidic; slightly alkaline; sand; loam; clay
- **Uses:** Border; mass planting; hedge, container or above-ground planter
- **Additional Features:** None
- **Special Resistance:** Deer, rabbits, seashore



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Planting

- Available in 1, 3 or 5 gal containers.
- Suggested plant spacing: Plant 18', 24" to 36" OC
- Bed Preparation:
 - Spread 3" of bed mix in ground cover beds
 - Till 6" deep, rake beds to drain away from structure
 - Plant
 - Topdress with 2" of double ground (fine) hardwood mulch.
- Hand water in after planting
- Set sprinkler controller to water beds:
 - Once every two days for two weeks in spring and early fall.
 - Once a day for two weeks when temperatures reaches 98+ degrees.
 - Have Owner monitor moisture and report over or under watering immediately.
 - After two weeks reassess the watering needs, and set at twice a week thereafter.

