

# Orchid Annie Butterfly Bush



Once established butterfly bushes are drought tolerant. They are deer Resistant and great for woodland gardens.

## ***Buddleia davidii 'Humdinger Orchid Annie'***

- **Use:** Totally unlike the tall and leggy Buddleia of the past, this series maintains a compact, refined habit. Fits easily into smaller gardens because of its compact, rounded habit. Flower panicles will charm gardeners for many weeks beginning in mid-Summer. Watch with delight as its flowers attract pollinators, including butterflies.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Cold, wet winters can be really hard on buddleia, so here are a few tips to help your buddleia thrive in your garden: 1. Make sure the soil is well-drained. 2. Full sun. That's at least 6 hours. No cheating. 3. Wait until it leafs out in spring before pruning. In some years you may have to prune it back to the ground. After milder winters, maybe not so much. Avoid fall pruning.
- **Growth:** Fast growing low and wide to 3-3.5 tall and wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-10; Shrub
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Graceful gray-green foliage arches
- **Flower:** This selection is extremely floriferous with masses of long wands of orchid-purple flowers over medium green foliage. The word "humdinger" is defined as "something that is very impressive or exciting." That word definitely applies to this new collection of Buddleia!