

# Paperbush or Edgeworthia



## *Edgeworthia chrysantha*

- **Use:** This shrub performs the impossible: fills the late-winter garden, otherwise so bleak and uninviting, with powerful, sweet fragrance for up to 2 months! A magnificent choice for any mild-climate garden, handsome year-round, but really comes into its own when the rest of the garden is sleeping. If you have a spot of partial shade or dappled sunlight, consider transforming it with this spectacular shrub. This well-branched shrub often begins blooming in mid-winter, long after its foliage has fallen and its silhouette is a tracery of thick, upright branches, somewhat like a young fig tree with more spread.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Prefers morning sun and afternoon shade. Provide well-drained soil (amend red clay). Follow a regular watering schedule during the first growing season to establish a deep, extensive root system. Feed with a general purpose fertilizer before new growth begins in spring. Be gentle with root ball when transplanting.
- **Growth:** Moderate grower to 8ft. tall and about 8ft. wide.
- **Hardiness:** 7-9, Shrub
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Large, slender leaves of blue-green, often with a silvery overlay. The foliage remains lush and green through summer, then turns a soft shade of yellow for autumn before dropping.
- **Flower:** Each flowerhead is creamy yellow, composed of masses of tiny florets to form a 1½- to 2-inch cluster. The blooms are set on the very tips of the branches, and once they open, expect them to remain for 6 to 8 weeks, releasing a fabulously sweet, intense scent.



Beautiful in every season, with silvery blue-green leaves for spring and summer, yellow fall foliage, and bright blooms on the bare winter silhouette!

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