



# HUNNIFORD GARDENS

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## Glow Girl® Birch Leaf Spirea

*Spiraea betulifolia 'Tor Gold'*

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Birchleaf Spirea

### Description:

A striking garden shrub with bright yellow emerging foliage that it retains into the summer; white flowers appear in late spring; fall brings a blazing display of orange, gold and red; ideal for use along walkways and in rock gardens, very low maintenance

### Ornamental Features

Glow Girl Birch Leaf Spirea features dainty clusters of white flowers at the ends of the branches from late spring to early summer. It has yellow deciduous foliage. The small oval leaves turn an outstanding red in the fall.

### Landscape Attributes

Glow Girl Birch Leaf Spirea is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Glow Girl Birch Leaf Spirea is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Glow Girl Birch Leaf Spirea in bloom  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*



*Glow Girl Birch Leaf Spirea flowers  
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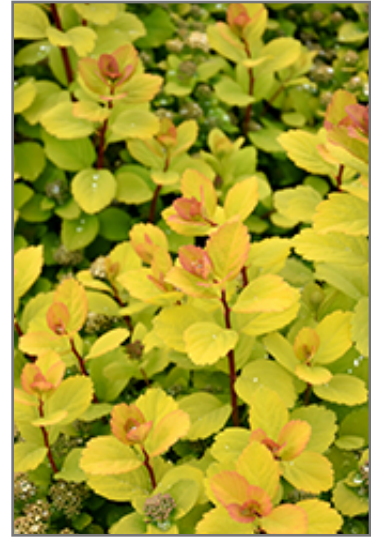
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- *Mass Planting*
- *Rock/Alpine Gardens*
- *General Garden Use*

## **Planting & Growing**

Glow Girl Birch Leaf Spirea will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.



*Glow Girl Birch Leaf Spirea foliage  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*