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We generally think of edgeworthia as tender conservatory or greenhouse plants but this need not be the case in milder areas and sheltered locations.

Edgeworthia chrysantha is normally deciduous. It originates from China and the Himalayas and grows, as a small rounded shrub, to about 4 or 5ft in height (occasionally more in a heated glasshouse). Edgeworthias have supple, bendy and papery bark with dark green obovate leaves.



Edgeworthia chrysantha



Edgeworthia chrysantha
'Grandiflora'

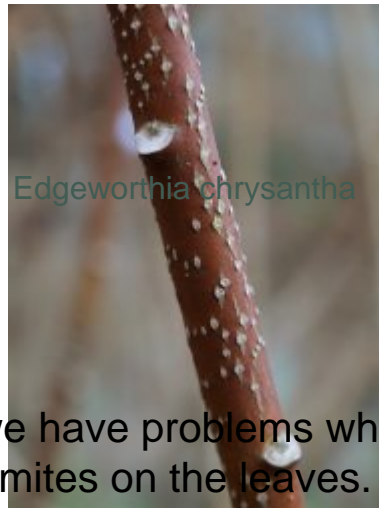


Edgeworthia 'Red Dragon'

If grown outside they need to grow against a warm wall but in milder areas they make attractive features in borders or in a well sheltered woodland glade with full sun or dappled shade.



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As greenhouse plants we have problems which need monitoring with both white fly and red spider mites on the leaves. It pays to move the plants outside if they become infested.

While most edgeworthias have yellow flowers there are others with a hint of orange and one which we offer from time to time called E. 'Red Dragon' which is as its name implies.

You will probably lose your edgeworthia if planted outside in a cold winter even in Cornwall. Hedging your bets with a large container which comes in for the winter is probably the most sensible approach.

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