Flowering Cotoneaster

Cotoneaster multiflorus



Flowering Cotoneaster in bloom
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Height: 10 feet

Spread: 13 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Many Flowered Cotoneaster

Description:

A very showy large shrub covered in a froth of white flowers in spring on delicately arching branches, and showy bright red fruit in fall; flowers are slightly malodorous, but the shrub is a real showstopper in bloom

Ornamental Features

Flowering Cotoneaster is smothered in stunning clusters of white flowers along the branches in mid spring. It has bluish-green deciduous foliage. The oval leaves turn yellow in fall. It produces red berries from late summer to late fall.

Landscape Attributes

Flowering Cotoneaster is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a shapely form and gracefully arching branches. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Disease

Flowering Cotoneaster is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Flowering Cotoneaster flowers
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- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Flowering Cotoneaster will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 13 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is not originally from North America.



Flowering Cotoneaster fruit
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