Mount Fuji Spirea

Spiraea thunbergii 'Mount Fuji'

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

A dainty shrub with snowy white flowers that appear along thin, wispy branches before the leaves appear, followed by lime green foliage streaked with white stripes; a fine textured and refined garden shrub, benefits from regular pruning



Mount Fuji Spirea foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Mount Fuji Spirea flowers
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Ornamental Features

Mount Fuji Spirea is clothed in stunning clusters of white flowers along the branches in early spring before the leaves. It has attractive lime green foliage with white stripes which emerges chartreuse in spring. The tiny grassy leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding orange in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Mount Fuji Spirea is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a shapely form and gracefully arching branches. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which can make it a great accent feature on this basis alone.

This is a high maintenance shrub that will require regular care and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. 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.

Mount Fuji Spirea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Mount Fuji Spirea will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 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 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 may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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.