



Pearlbush

Exochorda x macrantha

Height: 12 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ☐ ☒

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Description:

An exceptionally beautiful large shrub valued for its pure white flowers in early spring which open from pearl-shaped flower buds on long pendant stalks, a great plant for landscape use, beautiful in mass plantings

Ornamental Features

Pearlbush features showy racemes of white flowers along the branches from early to late spring. It has green deciduous foliage. The oval leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Pearlbush is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a shapely form and gracefully arching branches. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

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 has no significant negative characteristics.

Pearlbush is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Pearlbush will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 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.



Pearlbush flowers

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This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. 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, but has a definite preference for acidic soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.