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Henry's Garnet Virginia Sweetspire

Itea virginica 'Henry's Garnet'

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 6a

Description:

An improved selection of a native shrub which features extremely long and narrow panicles of white flowers in early summer, excellent fall color is more reliable than the species; spreads to form small colonies, good for the garden or for naturalizing

Ornamental Features

Henry's Garnet Virginia Sweetspire has racemes of fragrant white flowers at the ends of the branches in early summer. It has green deciduous foliage. The narrow leaves turn an outstanding burgundy in the fall. The smooth brown bark and purple branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Henry's Garnet Virginia Sweetspire is a dense spreading deciduous shrub with a ground-hugging habit of growth. 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 shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Suckering

Henry's Garnet Virginia Sweetspire is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Henry's Garnet Virginia Sweetspire flowers
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Planting & Growing

Henry's Garnet Virginia Sweetspire will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. 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 40 years or more.

This shrub performs well in both full sun and full shade. It is an amazingly adaptable plant, tolerating both dry conditions and even some standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selection of a native North American species.



Henry's Garnet Virginia Sweetspire in fall
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