

Scentlandia® Sweetspire *Itea virginica*

FEATURES

Sweet summertime fragrance.

Scentlandia® itea plant is much beloved for its sweetly scented summer blooms. A smaller variety that works with any size landscape, and outstanding fall color so that the plant stays interesting beyond its bloom time. The flowers aren't just longer, larger, and more fragrant than other varieties - they're also more cold tolerant, assuring a good display even in USDA zone 5 where flower buds are frequently damaged. Itea is one of the most shade tolerant flowering shrubs and thrives even in wet soils, making it an excellent problem solver.

Top reasons to grow Scentlandia® sweetspire:

- More fragrant than other sweetspire varieties
- Better bud hardiness means better performance in USDA zones 5 and 6
- One of the most shade tolerant flowering shrubs

Fragrant Flower, Fall Interest, Drought Tolerant

Attracts: Bees, Butterflies

Resists: Deer

Native to North America

CHARACTERISTICS

Plant Type: Shrub

Shrub Type: Deciduous

Height Category: Short

Garden Height: 24 - 36 Inches

Spacing: 24 - 36 Inches

Spread: 24 - 36 Inches

Flower Colors: White

Foliage Colors: Green

Foliage Shade: Green

Habit: Mounded

Container Role: Filler

PLANT NEEDS

Light Requirement: Full Shade, Part Shade to Shade, Part Sun to Sun, Sun or Shade

Maintenance Category: Easy

Blooms On: Old Wood

Bloom Time: Early Summer

Hardiness Zones: 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7a, 7b, 8a, 8b, 9a, 9b

Water Category: Average

Uses: Border Plant, Edging Plant, Groundcover, Landscape, Mass Planting
Specimen or Focal Point

Uses Notes:

Plant *Scentlandia itea* near a window or outdoor area where you can enjoy its fragrance. Its small stature makes it a nice choice for adding color and scent to perennial gardens.

Itea is one of the few shrubs that will still flower reasonably well even in shade.

Maintenance Notes:

Itea needs little maintenance. In spring, after new growth begins to emerge, you can remove any stems that aren't showing signs of life - do not prune until you see signs of new growth. Mulch is a good idea.

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