

Itea virginica 'Sprich' LITTLE HENRY



Common Name: Virginia sweetspire

Type: Deciduous shrub

Family: Iteaceae

Zone: 5 to 9

Height: 1.50 to 2.00 feet

Spread: 2.00 to 2.50 feet

Bloom Time: June to July

Bloom Description: White

Sun: Full sun to part shade

Water: Medium to wet

Maintenance: Low

Suggested Use: Hedge, Rain Garden

Flower: Showy, Fragrant

Leaf: Good Fall

Tolerate: Heavy Shade, Erosion, Clay Soil, Wet Soil, Deer

Culture Easily grown in average, medium to wet, well-drained soil in full sun to part shade. Adaptable to shade. Prefers moist, humusy soils, but tolerates a wide range of soil conditions.

Noteworthy Characteristics *Itea virginica* is an erect, rounded, broad-spreading, deciduous shrub with arching branches. Typically grows 3-4' (less frequently to 5') tall with a similar spread. Features fragrant, tiny white flowers borne in cylindrical, drooping racemes (3-6" long) which cover the shrub with bloom in late spring to early summer. Oval, dark green leaves (1-4" long) turn varying shades of red, orange and gold in autumn. Long period of fall color.

LITTLE HENRY is a dwarf version of the Missouri native species, with superior flowers and better fall color than the species.

Problems No serious insect or disease problems. Deer tend to avoid this plant.

Uses Shrub borders, open woodland gardens, foundations or hedges. Naturalizes well in wild or informal areas. Also a good selection for wet locations such as low spots or pond/stream margins.

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