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Bridalwreath Spirea

Spiraea prunifolia 'Plena'



Bridalwreath Spirea in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

An heirloom shrub which is smothered in double white flowers along the wiry branches in early spring; presents good fall color; a rather shrubby growth habit, with upright stems that are quite leggy; needs underplanting and regular pruning



Bridalwreath Spirea flowers
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Ornamental Features

Bridalwreath Spirea is smothered in stunning clusters of double white flowers along the branches in early spring before the leaves. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The small serrated oval leaves turn outstanding shades of red, orange and yellow in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Bridalwreath Spirea is an open multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

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.

Bridalwreath Spirea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

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Planting & Growing

Bridalwreath Spirea will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, 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 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.

