Wedding Cake® Spirea

Spiraea nipponica 'SMNSNFD'



Wedding Cake Spirea flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Description:

A stunning, smaller, more compact variety, absolutely smothered in snow-white flowers in late spring, on a more rounded habit; attractive shape and foliage the rest of the year; perfect as a specimen or hedge; needs full sun and well-drained soil

Ornamental Features

Wedding Cake Spirea is smothered in stunning clusters of white flowers with chartreuse eyes held atop the branches from late spring to early summer. It has bluish-green deciduous foliage. The small serrated oval leaves turn an outstanding coppery-bronze in the fall.



Wedding Cake Spirea in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Landscape Attributes

Wedding Cake Spirea is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

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. 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.

Wedding Cake Spirea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Wedding Cake Spirea will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

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 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.