Sarah Eve Virginia Sweetspire

Itea virginica 'Sarah Eve'



Sarah Eve Virginia Sweetspire in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 6a

Description:

A pretty selection of a native shrub which features narrow, nodding pink panicles of white flowers in early summer; dark green foliage with a purple cast with excellent fall color; spreads to form small colonies, good for the garden or for naturalizing

Ornamental Features

Sarah Eve Virginia Sweetspire is draped in stunning racemes of fragrant white flowers with pink overtones at the ends of the branches in early summer. It has dark green foliage with hints of purple. The narrow leaves turn outstanding shades of burgundy, orange and gold in the fall. The smooth brown bark and dark red branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Sarah Eve 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.



Sarah Eve Virginia Sweetspire flowers
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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

Sarah Eve Virginia Sweetspire is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens

Planting & Growing

Sarah Eve 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.