

Love Child Sweetspire



Itea virginica 'Love Child'

- **Use:** Blooming in spring with white racemes radiating out from a rounded plant with bright green foliage. The fragrance is lovely and in autumn the foliage turns gorgeous shades of burgundy. The small size makes it perfect for smaller gardens and foundation plantings. A versatile shrub for sun or shade. Thrives in moist soil but somewhat drought tolerant too. Deer resistant.
- **Exposure:** Full sun to shade. Best if planted in moist, wet areas. Once established they will become drought tolerant. Adaptable to a range of pH. Best if pruned immediately after blooming. Sets buds during the summer prior to blooming. High moisture, native to swampy and boggy areas. Fertilize in early spring by applying a slow release fertilizer specialized for trees and shrubs. Follow the label for recommended rate of application. Fall color will be more pronounced in full sun.
- **Growth:** Dwarf grower 3-4' tall and 3-4' wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 6-9; Shrub
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Green foliage that turns colors with fall frosts. Brilliant red-purple fall color lasts into winter to make this a standout in the landscape.
- **Flower:** Fragrant white summer flowers attract butterflies. May be trimmed after flowering.

***Itea* is one of the most shade tolerant flowering shrubs and thrives even in wet soils, making it an excellent problem solver. Bright red fall foliage. Deer resistant. Native.**

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