

Grancy Graybeard Tree



Chionanthus virginicus

- **Use:** Its stature allows it to be a stand-alone specimen or an accent, but to combine it in a bed with other spring bloomers is like creating a fine piece of artwork. It's hard to believe that a native, spring-blooming tree can be so passionately loved from the Gulf Coast all the way to Pennsylvania and New York, but that is how people feel for the Grancy Graybeard. They are also known as Old Man's Beard or White Fringe tree in some areas.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full sun /partial shade, Prefers well-draining soil and appreciates slow release fertilizer. Water when top 3 in of soil is dry.
- **Growth:** It is considered a large shrub or small tree, reaching about 20 feet tall. It often develops a multi-trunk that makes it among the more picturesque trees in the spring landscape.
- **Hardiness:** 6-9; Small Tree/ Large Shrub
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Glossy leaves.
- **Flowers:** Produces glistening white, fragrant fringe-like flowers by the thousands. When backlit by the sun or even hit by nighttime landscape lighting, it can take your breath away. The flowers are not the only attraction for these native plants. Birds relish the small, blue fruits formed in the summer. The large, oval leaves add another landscape attribute by turning yellow in the fall.



We love the unusual, fragrant blossoms on this hard to find tree!

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