

# Itea virginica 'Henry's Garnet'

## 'Henry's Garnet' Virginia Sweetspire



Fragrant, white flower spikes, 3-6" long, cover the shrub with bloom in early summer. Dark green leaves turn scarlet and crimson in fall, sometimes persisting on the shrub until December. 'Henry's Garnet' is noted for larger flowers and superior fall color to that of the species.

### Benefits:

- Fragrant white flowers attracts butterflies and other pollinators
- Stunning fall color for many weeks
- Provides protective cover for wildlife
- Tolerant of a surprising range of conditions from boggy to dry soils

## Homeowner Growing and Maintenance Tips

Very easy to grow.

Adapts to a wide range of conditions including full sun to part shade and moist to dry soil.

Can spread to form colonies by root suckering if left unchecked.

**Height**  
3-4 Feet

**Spread**  
5-6 Feet

### Native Range

Swamps and wet woods in the coastal plain from southern New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania to Florida and Louisiana, then north along the Mississippi to southern Illinois.

### Native Trivia

When you plan your garden, it's important to think about all four seasons. Make a list of plants on your property categorizing them by seasonal interest. You may find you have many spring bloomers but lack plants that are interesting and provide for wildlife in fall or winter. Use this information as a guide when you decide what to add to your garden.

**USDA Hardiness Zone 5-9**



*"Itea puts on a flower show that benefits my butterfly friends and sets the standard for fall color."*

## Characteristics & Attributes

<p><b>Plan Sub Group</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small Shrubs</li> </ul>	<p><b>Exposure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sun</li> <li>• Filtered Shade</li> </ul>	<p><b>Soil</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wide soil tolerance</li> </ul>	<p><b>Soil Moisture Preference</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dry</li> <li>• Average</li> <li>• Moist</li> </ul>
<p><b>Attracts Wildlife</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Butterflies</li> <li>• Beneficial insects</li> </ul>	<p><b>Bloom Time</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Late Spring / Early Summer</li> </ul>	<p><b>Habitat Collection</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dry Shade</li> <li>• Wet Sun</li> </ul>	<p><b>Foliage Color</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dark Green</li> </ul>
<p><b>Uses</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fragrant</li> </ul>			

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