

Virginia Sweetspire



This native shrub can tolerate a wide range of conditions. It is pH adaptable, drought tolerant, and can handle any soil type. Itea is very low maintenance. It is also one of the most beautiful native shrubs available. It has a showy flower display at a time when not many shrubs do and great fall color. Sweetspire creates good shelter for animals, is a nectar source for insects and butterflies and birds eat the seeds.

**NATIVE TO EASTERN
UNITED STATES**

Itea virginica

- Hardiness: Zone 5-9
- Size: 3-6' tall, somewhat wider spread
- Habit: Medium growth rate, colonizes
- Flower: White, lightly fragrant, 2-6" long inflorescences from May to June
- Culture: Prefers moist, fertile soils, tolerates wet feet. Full sun to part shade, very adaptable. Drought tolerance.
- Uses: Specimen, border, massing, naturalizing, rain garden, tough and adaptable, good Fall color, showy flower, erosion control, wildlife, birds, nectar, fragrant