



## Little Henry® Virginia Sweetspire *Itea virginica 'Sprich'*

Plant Height: 24 inches

Flower Height: 3 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight:   

Hardiness Zone: 5a

### Description:

A compact spreading version of this native shrub which features long and narrow panicles of white flowers in early summer, reddish-purple fall color; good for the garden or for naturalizing, spreads to form small colonies; best pruning in late spring

### Ornamental Features

Little Henry Virginia Sweetspire has racemes of fragrant white flowers at the ends of the branches in early summer. It has green deciduous foliage. The narrow leaves turn an outstanding burgundy in the fall. The purple stems can be quite attractive.

### Landscape Attributes

Little Henry 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.

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. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.



*Little Henry Virginia Sweetspire in bloom*  
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*Little Henry Virginia Sweetspire  
flowers*  
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Little Henry Virginia Sweetspire is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens

### **Planting & Growing**

Little Henry Virginia Sweetspire will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity extending to 3 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. 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.



*Little Henry Virginia Sweetspire in fall*  
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