



## Species: *Itea virginica*

(eye-tee'ah ver-jin'i-kah)

Virginia Sweetspire; Virginia-willow

### Cultivar Information

\* See specific cultivar notes on next page.

### Ornamental Characteristics

Size: Shrub < 4 feet

Height: 3' - 5' (equal or greater spread)

Leaves: Deciduous

Shape: shrub with rounded - mounded, irregular habit

Ornamental Other:

### Environmental Characteristics

Light: Full sun, Part shade

Hardy To Zone: 5a

Soil Ph: Requires acid (pH 5.0 to 7.0)

Salt Tolerance: Tolerates salt spray

Environmental Other: full sun to heavy shade

### Insect Disease

relatively trouble free

### Bare Root Transplanting

Easy

## Other

native to southeastern US, north to NJ; natural habitat is shaded stream banks; colonizing and irregular shrub; requires little to no maintenance

Cultivars for *Itea virginica*

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Cultivar Name	Notes
Henry's Garnet	'Henry's Garnet' - more cold-tolerant with flowers and fall color superior to species
Little Henry	'Little Henry' - dwarf form to 4'
Long Spire	'Long Spire' - notably long racemes
Merlot	'Merlot' - compact habit with red fall foliage
Morton	'Morton' - best high pH tolerance, to 7.0 approximately
Sara Eve	'Sara Eve' - pale pink flowering
Saturnalia	'Saturnalia' - matures to a smaller size than species, comparable to 'Henry's Garnet'

## Photos



*Itea virginica* - Bud



*Itea virginica* - Fall Interest



*Itea virginica* - Flowers



*Itea virginica* - Flowers



*Itea virginica* - Flowers



*Itea virginica* - Leaves





*Itea virginica* - Habit



*Itea virginica* - Fruit



*Itea virginica* - Bark