



## Bridal Wreath Spirea (*Spirea x vanhouttei*)

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Showy white flowering vase-shaped, deciduous shrub that blooms in spring on gracefully arching branches. It has a moderate growth rate and is an excellent accent plant along foundations, borders or as a hedge.

Type	Deciduous shrub
Hardiness Zone	3 - 8
Sun	Full sun
Bloom Time	May - June
Height	5' - 8'
Spread	7' - 10'
Tolerance	Easy to grow; drought tolerant
Attracts	Bees and butterflies
Additional Features	Generally ignored by deer

### Soil and Site Recommendations

- Drainage: prefers well-drained soil
- Soil pH: can tolerate acid to alkaline soil (5.0 - 8.0)
- Type: easily grown in average, medium moisture soil

### Planting Recommendations

- Type: easiest to plant nursery grown shrubs although they can be propagated by rooting a softwood cutting
- When to plant: spring or fall
- Depth of planting: as indicated from nursery
- Spacing: 4' - 5' apart on center

### Maintenance

- Watering: medium to dry
- Fertilization: no need to fertilize; too much nitrogen will cause foliage but few flowers
- Pinching/deadheading: prune after spring flowering to shape the plant; no need to deadhead



- Annual maintenance: nothing except to prune out any dead wood

### **Common Problems**

Disease: can be susceptible to powdery mildew and leaf spots

Insects: can be susceptible to aphids

### **Resources**

[www.missouribotanicalgarden.org](http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org)

<https://trees.umn.edu/bridal-wreath-spiraea-spiraea-prunifolia>

<https://plants.ces.ncsu.edu>

<http://www.gardening.cornell.edu/homegardening>

Questions or problems: “What’s wrong with my plant” for information on garden pests and diseases:

<http://apps.extension.umn.edu/garden/diagnose/plant/>

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