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Wild Black Currant



An attractive small shrub, with lush foliage and plentiful fruit. Small, white flowers in April-May are followed by black, edible fruit in drooping clusters in July-August. Fall color often terrific - yellow, red or purple. Needs moist soil. Black currant is an alternate host for white pine blister rust, and should not be planted near stands of white pine.

Suggested companions: swamp rose (*Rosa palustris*), meadowsweet (*Spiraea alba*), red-osier dogwood (*Cornus stolonifera*).

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Plant Type: Shrub

Size: 3-6' H
3-6' W

Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Habitat:

Woodland Margin
Forested Upland
Forested Wetland
Lake and Streamside

Soil: Average Garden Soil
Rich Moist
Very Damp/Wet
Clay

Exposure: sun
filtered

Flower Color:

White

Plant in:

Groundcover: No

Bloom Time:

April
May

Other Attributes:

Fall color
Wildlife attracting
Bird attracting
Butterfly attracting
Edible fruit