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Spiraea alba

Meadowsweet



Upright, slender, orangey-brown stems are seldom branched. Broad spikes of white flowers are borne on the tops of the stems from June through August. Foliage turns golden yellow in the fall. Spikes of red-brown seed capsules persist through the winter. Transplants well; spreads freely.

Suggested companions: black chokeberry (*Aronia melanocarpa*), red-osier dogwood (*Cornus stolonifera*), swamp rose (*Rosa palustris*), sensitive fern (*Onoclea sensibilis*), moisture-loving sedges (*Carex* sp.), prairie cord grass (*Spartina pectinata*)

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Plant Type: Shrub
Size: 3-6' H
3-6' W

Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Habitat:

Wet Meadow
Shrubby Wetland
Swamp/ Bog
Woodland Margin
Streamsides

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

Exposure: sun

Flower Color:
White

Plant in:

Groundcover: No

Bloom Time:
June
July
August

Other Attributes:
Fragrant
Butterfly attracting
Fall color