

Spiraea alba

Meadowsweet

Height: 3 to 4 feet

Spread: 3 to 4 feet

Sun: Full sun to part shade

Soil Moisture: Wet to mesic. Tolerates temporary inundation

Soil Types: Soil containing abundant organic material

Bloom Time: Mid- to late summer. May last 1-2 months.

Bloom Description: The showy panicle is up to 4' long with tiny white flowers. Fragrant. The fuzzy look is from its numerous long stamens

Leaf: Deciduous foliage is yellow-green, turning golden-yellow in fall.

Fruit: The fruit is not ornamental

Uses: Hedge, rain garden, by streams or ponds, in low spots or boggy areas, or, with regular watering, in a border or cottage garden. Good cut flowers.

Wildlife: Ruffed Grouse and Greater Prairie Chicken

Nectar and Pollen: bumblebees, various other bees, wasps, beetles

Larval Host: Spring Azure

Deer Resistant: Moderate

Comments: Meadowsweet is often mistaken for a wildflower. According to a Purdue researcher these are underused native plants in the landscaping. You may remove spent flowers to promote additional bloom.

