

Botanical Name: Spiraea vanhouttei

Common Name: Vanhouette spiraea

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub      Character deciduous

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright, spreading, with long arching branches, multi-stemmed from base, has an open, lacy structure; fountain shaped

Height 6-8'      Spread equal      Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors      full/partial sun

Soil any well-drained soil

Hardiness hardy (zones 1-11,14-24); blooms best in cool climates

Morphology:

Leaves blue-green leaves on arching branches, somewhat ovate-rhombic, acute tip to 1/2" long, often shallowly 3-5 lobed, serrate

Flowers tiny, white flowers in 2" rounded clusters along branches in spring

Fruit insignificant berry

Propagation: softwood cuttings -- spring, winter

Usage: filler mass, spring color against background of green shrubs; used in cottage-style gardens, temperate or forest landscape themes

Landscape Care:

Watering regular; not particularly drought-tolerant

Fertilizing balanced in spring

Pruning after bloom, cut out old canes to ground

Pests/Diseases aphids

Special Conditions blooms best in full sun, cold winter areas

Origin: Eastern U.S.      Family: Rosaceae