Potentilla, Abbottswood

Potentilla fruticosa 'Abbotswood'



Potentilla, Abbottswood flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 2a

Other Names: Bush Cinquefoil, Shrubby Cinquefoil

Description:

Considered one of the best white-flowered varieties, this compact mounded shrub is smothered in snow-white flowers from June until frost and fine textured bluish-green foliage; hardy, tough and adaptable to all conditions, but dislikes wet soils

Ornamental Features

Potentilla, Abbottswood has white flowers at the ends of the branches from late spring to early fall. It has bluish-green deciduous foliage. The small ferny compound leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.



Potentilla, Abbottswood in bloom
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Landscape Attributes

Potentilla, Abbottswood is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Potentilla, Abbottswood is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Potentilla, Abbottswood will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selection of a native North American species.