



Viburnum, Korean Spice, Spice Baby

Viburnum carlesii 'SMVCB'

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ☉ ●

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Spice Ball Koreanspice, Korean Spice

Description:

An attractive selection, covered in wonderfully sweet-smelling ball-shaped clusters of white blooms from rose pink buds; plant where the fragrance can be enjoyed; tidy the rest of the year; makes a beautiful accent specimen or hedge

Ornamental Features

Viburnum, Korean Spice, Spice Baby is smothered in stunning balls of fragrant white flowers with buttery yellow eyes at the ends of the branches from early to late spring, which emerge from distinctive rose flower buds. It has green deciduous foliage. The heart-shaped leaves turn an outstanding red in the fall. The black fruits are held in clusters from late summer to late fall.

Landscape Attributes

Viburnum, Korean Spice, Spice Baby is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting birds 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.

Viburnum, Korean Spice, Spice Baby is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Viburnum, Korean Spice, Spice Baby flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Viburnum, Korean Spice, Spice Baby flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Viburnum, Korean Spice, Spice Baby will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more. This variety requires a different selection of the same species growing nearby in order to set fruit.

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 somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.