Quince, Double Take Eternal White

Chaenomeles speciosa 'SMNCSDW'



Quince, Double Take Eternal White flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Common Quince

Group/Class: Double Take Series

Description:

A small shrub covered with lovely, camellia-like white flowers, from mid-spring to early summer; a compact, profuse bloomer; thornless and does not produce fruit; may bloom sporadically until fall; prune gently to maintain shape

Ornamental Features

Quince, Double Take Eternal White features showy double white cup-shaped flowers with chartreuse eyes along the branches from mid spring to early summer, which emerge from distinctive lime green flower buds before the leaves. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has dark green deciduous foliage which emerges red in spring. The glossy oval leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Quince, Double Take Eternal White is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. 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 shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Quince, Double Take Eternal White is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

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Planting & Growing

Quince, Double Take Eternal White will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

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 selected variety of a species not originally from North America.