Smokebush, Golden Spirit

Cotinus coggygria 'Golden Spirit'



Smokebush, Golden Spirit flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Other Names: Smoketree

Description:

An exciting new color accent for the garden, this shrub features rich yellow foliage across the entire season, finally turning a striking mix of amber, coral and scarlet in fall; smoky, airy flowers are similar to other varieties and quite effective

Ornamental Features

Smokebush, Golden Spirit has attractive yellow deciduous foliage on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth. The round leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding scarlet in the fall. It features airy panicles of lemon yellow flowers with coral-pink stalks at the ends of the branches from early to late summer.



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Landscape Attributes

Smokebush, Golden Spirit is a 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 shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. 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.

Smokebush, Golden Spirit is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

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Planting & Growing

Smokebush, Golden Spirit will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 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 medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. 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.