# Mockorange, Illuminati Arch

***Philadelphus coronarius 'SMNPBD'***



*Mockorange, Illuminati Arch flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Group/Class: Illuminati Series

**Description:**

A stunning flowering shrub covered in lovely, sweet scented white blooms in late spring to early summer, on sturdy stems stacked with rugged, dark green leaves; a compact selection with a unique, upright and arching habit

**Ornamental Features**

Mockorange, Illuminati Arch is clothed in stunning clusters of fragrant white flowers with buttery yellow anthers at the ends of the branches from late spring to early summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The serrated pointy leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

**Landscape Attributes**

Mockorange, Illuminati Arch is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a shapely form and gracefully arching branches. 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 bees and 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.

Mockorange, Illuminati Arch is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

**Planting & Growing**

Mockorange, Illuminati Arch will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a fast 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. To help this plant achive its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. 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.

Mockorange, Illuminati Arch makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.