

Spiaeae x vanhoutti

(Vanhoutte Spirea)

Spirea is a deciduous shrub with long, dense erect branches which droop gracefully at the ends. It can reach 2.5 m in height and width. The plant spreads by root suckers that need to be watched out after the plant is established. Remove unwanted stems in early spring and prune back remaining stems to strong new side shoots immediately after bloom. It has small, blue-green, diamond-shaped leaves with lobed tips. Large panicles of white flowers cover half the branches in April-May. The dense flower heads attract bees, butterflies, and ants in search of pollen and nectar. It grows and flowers best in full sun. It tolerates many soil types and can take calcareous soil, but it does best in fertile, moist ground. It is used for mass planting, for screens and informal hedges.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

Pronunciation: spy-REE-ah van-HOOT-ee-eye

Plant Type: Shrub

Origin: Hybrid

Heat Zones:

Hardiness Zones: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

Uses: Hedge, Specimen, Mass Planting, Wildlife

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape: Vase

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Dense

Canopy Texture: Medium

Height at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 m

Spread at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 meters

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

- Leaf Arrangement: Alternate
- Leaf Venation: Pinnate
- Leaf Persistence: Deciduous
- Leaf Type: Simple
- Leaf Blade: Less than 5
- Leaf Shape: Ovate
- Leaf Margins: Dentate
- Leaf Textures: Smooth
- Leaf Scent:
- Color(growing season): Green
- Color(changing season): Yellow, Red

Flower

- Flower Showiness: True
- Flower Scent: Pleasant
- Flower Color: White
- Seasons: Spring

Trunk

- Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Suspected to breakage
- Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Fruit

- Fruit Showiness: False
- Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5
- Fruit Colors: Black
- Seasons: Spring

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: No

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: High, Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Pruning Requirement: Needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: Less than 25

Edible Parts:

Plant Propagations: Cutting

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