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Minnesota Snowflake Mockorange

Philadelphus x virginalis 'Minnesota Snowflake'

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Description:

A large, rounded shrub smothered in delightfully fragrant, large double white flowers in early summer; wonderful in bloom, recedes to the background the rest of the year, best used in a composition with other plants; very adaptable and hardy

Ornamental Features

Minnesota Snowflake Mockorange is clothed in stunning clusters of fragrant white flowers at the ends of the branches in late spring. It has green deciduous foliage. The serrated oval leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Minnesota Snowflake Mockorange is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

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 has no significant negative characteristics.

Minnesota Snowflake Mockorange is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Minnesota Snowflake Mockorange flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Minnesota Snowflake Mockorange in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Minnesota Snowflake Mockorange 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 2 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. 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. 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 particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.