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Seven-Son Flower

Heptacodium miconioides

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 12 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Description:

An uncommon tall shrub which is recently gaining popularity because of its very attractive pink fruits in fall; open, upright-sprawling habit of growth, benefits from a regular pruning, best used in groups as a tall background in the garden

Ornamental Features

Seven-Son Flower is primarily grown for its highly ornamental fruit. It features abundant showy pink capsules from mid to late fall. It has panicles of fragrant creamy white flowers at the ends of the branches from late summer to mid fall, which are interesting on close inspection. It has forest green deciduous foliage which emerges lime green in spring. The pointy leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color. The shaggy antique red bark is extremely showy and adds significant winter interest.

Landscape Attributes

Seven-Son Flower is an open 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 is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.



Seven-Son Flower in bloom
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Seven-Son Flower flowers
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Seven-Son Flower is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening

Planting & Growing

Seven-Son Flower will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 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 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. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America.



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