

# Bridal Wreath Spirea (Spirea 'Arguta')

**Sun/Shade:** Prefers some protection from the summer afternoon sun.

**Flowers:** This deciduous shrub has long arching stems that are covered in clusters of white flowers late March/ early April lasting for about a month.

**Landscape Use:** Use as a background shrub with morning sun and afternoon shade, or use under the bright dappled light of a tree.

**Container Use:** Not thought of as a container plant but looks good cascading out of a large pot. Large shrubs and/or trees can be difficult to keep watered, even in large pots. Minimize this by cutting the shrub back after flowering is finished to keep smaller.

**Size:** Can reach 6' feet tall and wide in 5 years as it spreads by sending out new shoots from the base.

**Type:** A deciduous shrub (one that loses its leaves like a tree but does not die to the ground. It puts new leaves and flowers on previous year's wood.

**Deer Resistance:** Not Deer resistant but not favored by Deer.

**Drought Tolerance:** Very drought tolerant but looks best with regular watering.

**Soil:** Not particular about soil as long as it drains well and does not remain constantly wet. Does well in rocky soil or even better with soil enhancement.

**Water:** Smart Watering Principle=Water well when first planted then allow to dry slightly, without wilting, then water deeply again, etc. Easy Watering Principle= Water every day the first week; every second day the second week; every third day the third week; every fourth day the fourth week; every fifth day the fifth week. A soaking rainfall should last for about two weeks worth of watering. Do not keep constantly wet.

**Fertilizer:** Looks even better with regular fertilization.

**Maintenance Tips:** Allow it to cascade and balance itself out with time. Does not look good formally trimmed. Can reduce its size by cutting back soon after flowering to not disturb next years flowers.

**Pictures:** See the plant picture book in the appropriate section.