



Dwarf Witch Alder

Fothergilla gardenii

Growing Information

- Sunlight: Sun, part shade
- Soils: Well-drained, Average
- Bloom Time: May, June
- Size: 1 to 3 feet in height

A native to the southeastern states, this deciduous shrub does well on Cape Cod. The white fragrant flowers are a mass of stamens that appear before the leaves in brushy terminal spikes. Its dense, dark green, leathery foliage becomes bright yellow to scarlet red for brilliant fall color and is resistant to deer and rabbits. Good for a low hedge, in a mixed shrub planting, foundation planting, or rain garden.

Garden Companions

Sweet Pepperbush (*Clethra alnifolia*), Low Bush Blueberry (*Vaccinium angustifolium*)

Nature Benefits

- Attracts bees and butterflies

Native Habitat

Occurs in woods and stream banks in states of the southeast.