

Spiraea tomentosa Meadowsweet



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Characteristics: a suckering deciduous shrub that grows 2-4' tall with a slightly larger spread.

Appearance:

Height – 2 to 6 ft.

Aerial Spread - 3 to 5 ft.

Flower Color - plumes of pink to rose-purple flowers

Flowering Period - July through September

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Habitat (Community): Easily grown in average, acidic, moist to wet soils in full sun. Tolerates light shade. Tolerates a wide range of soils.

Hydrology:

It is native to wet meadows, wet pastures, boggy areas, marshes, fields, and lake margins.

Indicator status – Facultative wetland

Wildlife Benefits:

Spiraea tomentosa is a larval host and/or nectar source for Columbia silkmoth (*Hyalophora columbia*). Attracts birds and butterflies & bees (recognized as attracting large numbers of native bees.)

Distribution: Eastern Canada south to Georgia and west to Minnesota and Louisiana, Washington and Oregon.