

Thunberg's meadowsweet

Spiraea thunbergii

Description

Named after Carl Peter Thunberg, a Swedish naturalist, who introduced this plant to Europe. It was introduced to North America as an ornamental.

Habit

Small, long-lived shrub growing from 3-5 feet tall and wide.

Leaves

Alternate, simple, linear-lanceolate, semi-deciduous, sparsely-toothed, pale green in color, 1.5 in. long and 1/4 in. wide.

Stems

Thin, flexible, light brown in color, smooth, arranged in a zigzag pattern.

Flowers

White in color, 5 petals, tiny, 1/3 in. diameter, 3-5 umbel clusters.

Fruits and Seeds





Brown in color, follicle.

Habitat

Native to China and Japan. Can be found in disturbed sites, meadows and fields.

Reproduction

By seed and vegetatively.

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