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Low Scape Snowfire® Aronia

Aronia melanocarpa 'SMNAMPEM'



Low Scape Snowfire Aronia flowers
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Height: 4 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Spacing: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Other Names: Chokeberry

Description:

A compact, mounded variety with glossy dark green leaves, and a flurry of showy white flowers in spring; a great choice to compliment other perennials and annuals in summer; brilliant red foliage in fall to contrast the dark blue fruit; very adaptable

Ornamental Features

Low Scape Snowfire Aronia features showy panicles of white flowers with red anthers at the ends of the branches in mid spring. It features an abundance of magnificent navy blue berries from late summer to late fall, which fade to black over time. It has forest green foliage with olive green undersides. The glossy oval leaves turn an outstanding red in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Low Scape Snowfire Aronia is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a mounded form. 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 shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Suckering

Low Scape Snowfire Aronia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- Border Edging
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Low Scape Snowfire Aronia will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 3 feet apart. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It is an amazingly adaptable plant, tolerating both dry conditions and even some standing water. This plant will benefit from an application of bonemeal and/or mycorrhizal fertilizer at the time of planting. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selection of a native North American species.

Low Scape Snowfire Aronia makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.