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White Gas Plant

Dictamnus albus

Plant Height: 24 inches

Flower Height: 3 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 2a

Description:

Bushy upright mounded variety with aromatic glossy green leaves, smelling like citrus when bruised, and tall spikes of white flowers with deep purple veining; blooming late spring to early summer, great for borders, beds or fresh-cut arrangements

Ornamental Features

White Gas Plant has masses of beautiful spikes of lightly-scented white star-shaped flowers with purple veins rising above the foliage from late spring to early summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its glossy pinnately compound leaves remain forest green in colour throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

White Gas Plant is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.



White Gas Plant flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

White Gas Plant is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use



White Gas Plant in bloom
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Planting & Growing

White Gas Plant will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity extending to 3 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 24 inches apart. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under typical garden conditions. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets.