Amethyst™ Coralberry

Symphoricarpos x doorenbosii 'Kordes'



Amethyst Coralberry fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 3b

Other Names: Hybrid Snowberry

Description:

A shrub for the winter garden, producing masses of amethyst-purple berries along the bare branches in fall through the winter, prized for cut flower arrangements, insignificant flowers; rounded for with arching branches, great in mass plantings

Ornamental Features

Amethyst Coralberry is primarily grown for its highly ornamental fruit. It features an abundance of magnificent fuchsia berries from early fall to late winter. It features subtle white bell-shaped flowers along the branches in early summer. It has bluish-green deciduous foliage. The oval leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Amethyst Coralberry is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a shapely form and gracefully arching branches. 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 can be pruned at anytime. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Suckering

Amethyst Coralberry is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens

Planting & Growing

Amethyst Coralberry will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 15 years.

This shrub performs well in both full sun and full shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.