

# Gertens Plant Info.



## Red Snowberry

*Symphoricarpos orbiculatus*

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ○ ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Indian Currant, Buckbrush, Coralberry

### Description:

A versatile small shrub with small whitish-yellow flowers in spring followed by showy clusters of scarlet berries in fall; arching branches; can grow somewhat bushy; ideal for mass planting; very adaptable; great for erosion on wet banks

### Ornamental Features

Red Snowberry is primarily grown for its highly ornamental fruit. It features an abundance of magnificent red berries from mid fall to late winter. It has bluish-green deciduous foliage. The oval leaves turn an outstanding red in the fall.

### Landscape Attributes

Red Snowberry is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

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

Red Snowberry is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Red Snowberry fruit*  
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*Red Snowberry*  
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- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens

### **Planting & Growing**

Red Snowberry will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 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 is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is native to parts of North America.

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