

VANILLA SPICE®

Clethra alnifolia 'Caleb'

pp#21,589, cbr#4167

Common name: summersweet



Landscape Info:	
USDA/AHS zones:	USDA 4/AHS 9
Mature height:	3-6'/.91-1.8 m
Exposure:	Part sun-full sun
Irrigation:	Average to high

Features & Benefits:
- Very fragrant, extra-large white flower spikes in mid-summer
- More tolerant of neutral-slightly alkaline soils than other clethra
- Glossy green foliage turns bright yellow in fall
- Deer resistant and can grow in wet soils
- An excellent pollinator plant



Cultural info:		
pH Level:	5.6 – 6.2	
Nutrient Needs:	Average	
EC (2:1 extract):	0.6 – 0.9	
Light Level:	Moderate to high	
Watering:	Moderate to high	
Rooting Out Temp:	65 – 72° F/18.3 – 22.2° C	
Overwintering Temp:	Polyhouse, no heat (where hardy)	
Sales Window:	Mid-summer bloom; sell any time	
Blooms On:	New wood	
Trimming/pruning:	Pinch or shear 1-3 times	
Vernalization:	Required	
Vigor Rating:	Average	
Finish Size	Liner Size	Weeks of Active Growth to Finish
1 gallon	2 ¼" • 4" • QT	12-14 • 11-13 • 10-12
2-3 gallon	1 gal shift	+ 10-12

Grower Tips:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More tolerant of neutral-slightly alkaline conditions than other clethra, but an acidic growing media is still preferred. • Naturally forms a tight, compact mound, so minimal trimming or is required to produce an appealing plant. • Watch for aphids, especially in spring. • For 3 gallon plants, use a 1 gallon shift rather than potting liners directly to the can. Allow 10-12 weeks in addition to the amount of time required to produce the 1 gallon.
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