

# CELEBRATION OF TREES

## Fothergilla

*Fothergilla major*



### CHARACTERISTICS

**Height:** 6 – 10'

**Width:** 5 –9'

**Identification:** Fothergilla is also known as Mountain Witch Alder which is in the same family as witch hazel. It is an upright, spreading, slow-growing deciduous shrub which typically matures to 6-10' tall with a similar spread. Bottlebrush-like spikes of tiny, fragrant white flowers bloom appear in late spring.

### GROWING CONDITIONS

**Native Habitat:** Southeastern North America (Zone: 4 to 8)

**Water:** Medium

**Sun Light:** Full sun to part shade

*Easily grown in average, medium moisture, well-drained soil in full sun to part shade. Prefers moist, acidic, organically rich soils with good drainage. Good shade tolerance. May spread by root suckers.*

### BENEFITS

Group or mass in shrub borders, foundation plantings or native plantings as hedges. Easily mixes with rhododendrons which have the same soil requirements.

**Sources:** Missouri Botanical Garden, *Fothergilla major*, [https://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?taxonid=281021&isprofile=0&](http://www.https://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?taxonid=281021&isprofile=0&) and [http://plants.highlandavegreenhouse.com/12120028/Plant/530/Large\\_Fothergilla/](http://plants.highlandavegreenhouse.com/12120028/Plant/530/Large_Fothergilla/) (last visited Oct. 3, 2019).



White showy flowers attract birds and butterflies.



Flowers give way to blue-black, berry-like drupes, which are quite attractive to birds and wildlife.