

# North Dakota Tree Selector

**Scientific Name:** *Spiraea x vanhouttei*

**Family:** Rosaceae (Rose)

**Hardiness:** Zone 3

**Leaves:** Deciduous

**Plant Type:** Shrub

## Growth

**Rate:** Slow

**Mature Height:** 4'-7'

**Longevity:** Short

**Power Line:** Yes

## Ornamental

**Flowers:** White

**Fruit:** n/a

**Fall Color:** Purple

## Vanhoutte Spirea

### Description

A medium shrub resulting from a cross between Reeves spirea (*Spiraea cantoniensis*) and threelobe spirea (*S. trilobata*) from China, originating before 1866. Vanhoutte spirea is widely planted, but the parent (*S. trilobata*) appears superior in quality.

### Preferences

**Light:** Full sun to partial shade.

**Water:** Moderately drought tolerant.

**Soil:** Adaptable to a variety of soils. Tolerates moderately high pH.

### Comments

Also known as bridalwreath spirea for its white flowers and gracefully arching branches. Forms a beautiful fountain-like or vase shaped mound.

Prune as needed after it blooms in the spring.

Credits: Tree Selector Website, North Dakota Tree Handbook, <http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?kempercode=c293>

