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Fothergilla major 'Blue Shadow'

Height: 6 feet
Spread: 6 feet
Sunlight: O ©
Hardiness Zone: 5a
Other Names: Witch Alder, Large Fothergilla

## Description:

Dramatic glaucous blue leaves, like faded jeans; showy white "bottle-brush" flowers appear in spring at the ends of the bare branches, spectacular fall colors and dense, rounded habit; prefers light acidic soils; all-purpose landscape plant


Blue Shadow Fothergilla flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder


Blue Shadow Fothergilla foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

## - Suckering

Blue Shadow Fothergilla is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use


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## Planting \& Growing

Blue Shadow Fothergilla will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 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 slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth, but will die in standing water. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for acidic soils, and is subject to chlorosis (yellowing) of the foliage in alkaline soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selection of a native North American species.

This plant is not reliably hardy in our region, and certain restrictions may apply; contact the store for more information.

