



**Black Jetbead**  
*Rhodotypos scandens*

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ○ ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 5a

**Description:**

A loose, straggly shrub with pretty white flowers in late spring; tends to spread and form colonies, good for naturalizing areas or used in masses; very adaptable, performs well in shade, keep in check with a regular pruning regimen

**Ornamental Features**

Black Jetbead has white flowers along the branches in late spring, which are interesting on close inspection. It has green deciduous foliage. The textured pointy leaves turn chartreuse in fall.

**Landscape Attributes**

Black Jetbead is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Black Jetbead is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens



*Black Jetbead flowers*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



*Black Jetbead in bloom*  
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**Planting & Growing**

Black Jetbead will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 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 highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is not originally from North America.