

DWARF BOTTLEBUSH

Fothergilla gardenii



Family:	Witch-hazel
Native to:	South Eastern United States
Hardiness Zones:	5-8
Bloom:	White
Bloom Time:	April to May
Height:	3 to 6 feet
Spread:	2 to 6 feet

DECIDUOUS SHRUB

Culture:

Best grown in moist, acidic, organically rich, well-drained soils in full sun to part shade. The best flowers occur in full sun, but plants appreciate some afternoon shade in hot and dry summer climates. Creamy white, fuzzy, bottlebrush flowers are aromatic and are among the earliest flowering shrubs in the Spring. Thick, toothy blue-green leaves form in the summer and often turn brilliant shades of yellow, orange and red in fall. Its fruit is an ornamentally insignificant, two-seeded, beaked capsule that matures in fall.

Did you know?

Genus name honors Dr. John Fothergill (1712-1780), English physician and botanist who grew plants from around the world in his London garden.

The Latin name honors Alexander Garden (1730-1791), Scottish physician and plant enthusiast, who took up residence in Charleston, South Carolina in 1752 and first discovered, described and introduced *Fothergilla gardenii* to England.

The shrub can be used in cottage gardens, open woodland areas or native plant areas. It can also serve as a small hedge.