

up-and-comers

Little Henry[®] Virginia sweetspire (*Itea virginica* 'Sprich')

ZONES: 5 to 9[†]

SIZE: 2 to 3 feet tall and 3 feet wide

CONDITIONS: Full sun to full shade; moist to wet, slightly acidic soil

Even though you may already have the Virginia sweetspire cultivar 'Henry's Garnet', you may want to take a look at Little Henry[®]. This compact shrub has similar lightly fragrant white blooms in summer and red to orange fall color, but it takes up less space. Part of the Proven Winners ColorChoice[®] (www.colorchoiceplants.com) lineup, Little Henry[®] is a good choice for massing, mixed borders, and containers.



'Apricot Delight' yarrow (*Achillea millefolium* 'Apricot Delight')

ZONES: 4 to 8[†]

SIZE: Up to 15 to 22 inches tall and 22 inches wide

CONDITIONS: Full sun; moist, well-drained soil

It's hard not to love this perennial. Its delightful blooms start out a deep reddish apricot, then mature to a pale salmon, and they are happy to mingle with any color. Smaller than most yarrows, 'Apricot Delight' has long-blooming flowers, which go from early to late summer with deadheading and are good for a vase. 'Apricot Delight' is part of the Tutti Frutti series, which includes selections in shades of pink and red, from Blooms of Bressingham (www.bobna.com).



[†]Zone recommendations may change over time as introductions are further trialed.