



How to Grow Holodiscus

Position – Sun or part shade

Soil – Moist, well-drained

Flowering Period – Summer & autumn

Hardiness – Fully hardy

About Holodiscus

Holodiscus are a multi-stemmed shrub. The stems are slender but dense. Traditionally, the wood from these shrubs were used by coastal tribes in the Americas for arrows and digging tools, sewing and knitting needles, and even as joining pins for construction. Mature stems and branches have an attractive reddish peeling bark. Foliage is roughly toothed turning from green to yellow to red in autumn. The flowers are a frothy cascade of many tiny, fragrant, five-petal blossoms, starting out as white, fading to cream and finally to brown as they age. You should expect to see Holodiscus grow to an approximate height and spread of 3m (9').

How to plant Holodiscus

Holodiscus are best planted in moist, well-drained soil of chalk, clay loam or sand within an acidic, alkaline or neutral PH balance. Dig a hole that is the same depth and width as the root ball. Space companion plants 40cm (16") apart and mixing a generous amount of peat moss to the planting area, mixing thoroughly to keep the ground moist. Water thoroughly and deeply to settle the soil into place. Holodiscus are best positioned in an area of full sun or part shade.

How to care for Holodiscus

Other than occasional pruning to shape, Holodiscus are low maintenance plants. They are also not prone to disease or pests, making it a congenial specimen for a sunny/woodland garden.

How to propagate Holodiscus

It is possible to propagate Holodiscus by seed sown as soon as it is ripe within a cold frame.