Plant profile: Pearls of Perfume Mock Orange

Offers Lengthy and Fragrant Bloom

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Pearls of Perfume is a hybrid mock orange (Philadelphus) that reblooms from spring through fall, with white double flowers that emit a citrusy scent. This fragrant shrub works in a mixed garden border or a large container, or it can be planted in multiples as a flowering hedge. Pearls of Perfume mock orange made the shortlist for Plant of the Year at 2023's Chelsea Flower Show.Common name: Pearls of Perfume mock orange

Botanical name: Philadelphus 'G15097

Type of plant: Reblooming deciduous shrub

Exposure: Full sun to part shade

Flowers: Large (three-inch-wide), sterile (non-seed-setting), fragrant, pure white flowers with double the typical number of petals rebloom from spring to fall. This mock orange blooms on both old and new growth, prolonging its flowering season.

Foliage: Deciduous, deep green and oval in shape. Insignificant fall color.

Size and habit: This mock orange grows four to five feet tall and three to four feet wide, with upright stems forming a vase shape. Its dense branching and quick growth contribute to its heavy flowering.

