

CORAL BERRY

Symphoricarpos orbiculatus

AKA Indian Currant



Description: A deciduous shrub pinkish-white blooms appearing in June – July. Bell-shaped, white flowers with a pink tinge appear along the arching stems in clusters and in spikes at the stem ends. Flowers give way to clusters of round, coral-red berries (drupes) that mature in autumn. Berries persist through most of the winter

providing excellent color and interest to the winter landscape. Oval to elliptic bluish-green leaves.

Natural Habitat: open woods, fields, pastures and thickets

Size: 2 –5 feet

Growth Rate: Moderate

Light: Full sun to part shade

Planting and Care: Medium moisture. Tolerates wide range of soils. Remove root suckers and runners to control any unwanted invasive spread of the plant.

Ornamental Value: Showy flowers, fruit provides winter interest

Landscape Usage: Naturalize in open woodland areas where it can be allowed to spread. Erosion control on slopes. Native plant gardens. Informal hedge.

Commercial/Traditional Uses: Berry-laden winter stems may be cut for indoor floral arrangements.

Wildlife Benefits: Attracts birds.