

Plant "Imagination"



Cimicifuga simplex 'White Pearl' (Autumn Bugbane)

Actaea matsumurae --- A spectacular plant adds architectural height for the back of a shady border, Tall wands of fragrant, creamy white bottlebrush flowers are held high above light green, lacy foliage. Splendid for cutting! Bugbanes prefer a moist, rich soil, away from hungry tree roots. Will tolerate full sun in cool summer regions, otherwise be sure to protect from hot afternoon sun. Plants take about three years to develop into a mature sized clump. May be divided in spring, but plants take a year or two to establish again.

'White Pearl' is an erect, clump-forming bugbane cultivar which is noted for its large, arching, bottlebrush-like flower spikes of pure white flowers and its late season bloom(August to September). Medium green leaves on branched, dark stems typically growing to 2.5-3' tall. Fern-like foliage usually remains attractive throughout the growing season. Flower stems arch above the foliage clump to a height of 3-4' from late summer into autumn and feature wand-like, terminal racemes (to 24" long) of fragrant, fluffy white flowers. The common name of bugbane is in reference to the odoriferous insect repellent properties attributed to most plants in the genus. Synonymous with and formerly known as **Cimicifuga simplex** 'White Pearl'.

All plants in the genus **Cimicifuga** have recently been transferred to the genus **Actaea**. Ferny foliage provides excellent texture and color to the landscape. Best in groups, although single plants can have good specimen value once established.