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Whirlwind Anemone

Anemone x hybrida 'Whirlwind'

Whirlwind Anemone flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Plant Height: 3 feet

Flower Height: 4 feet

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Japanese Anemone

Description:

Elegant white semi-double flowers rise high above dark green foliage on graceful stalks; windflowers are perfect for naturalizing, swaying gently in the wind and blooming at the end of the season; lovely when massed along borders or in containers

Ornamental Features

Whirlwind Anemone is smothered in stunning semi-double white buttercup flowers with gold eyes at the ends of the stems from late summer to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its lobed leaves remain dark green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Whirlwind Anemone is a dense herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Whirlwind Anemone is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

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Planting & Growing

Whirlwind Anemone will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity extending to 4 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 12 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Whirlwind Anemone is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.