

CULTIVAR _____
'White Icicle' (A cultivar registered with the Canadian Ornamental Plant Foundation and the International Authority for Registration of Miscellaneous Woody Plants) UBC Botanical Garden Accession #6294-156-73.

FAMILY _____
Grossulariaceae

COMMON NAME _____
Flowering Currant

ORIGIN _____
The wild species is native to the Pacific Northwest of North America from southwestern British Columbia to central coastal California. This cultivar is thought to have originated in Victoria, B.C.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION _____
Deciduous shrub growing to about 3 m tall and 2 m wide with drooping, pure white racemes of flowers, 10 - 13 cm long in early spring just as the new leaves are emerging. Flowers about two weeks earlier than most wild red forms of the plant. The lobed, pale green leaves are attractive during the summer.

SOIL REQUIREMENTS _____
Average, well-drained soils.

EXPOSURE REQUIREMENTS _____
Full sun or light shade.

PEST AND DISEASE RESISTANCE _____
No serious problems known. Subject to aphid attack in nursery greenhouse.

USES IN THE LANDSCAPE _____
In a mixed shrub border, as a specimen plant or for massed plantings.

HARDINESS _____
Completely hardy in Vancouver (USDA Zone 8A, Can. Zone 8b). Should be hardy to USDA Zone 6/Can. Zone 6b-7a.

PROPAGATION _____
By softwood or semi-hardwood nodal cuttings approximately 10 cm in length. Rooting hormone of 0.3% - 0.5% IBA in talc is recommended. Should root in 4 - 6 weeks under mist or outdoors in low polyethylene tunnels. Avoid rooting as semi-hardwood after late summer, as successful overwintering may be a problem. Alternatively, can root as 15 cm dormant leafless hardwood cuttings in late fall-early winter. Apply 0.8% IBA in talc to base of cuttings. Suitable for direct sticking.

SALES POTENTIAL _____
Very effective plant when massed. Recommended for mixed plantings with the red-flowered cultivars for contrast. Should provide excellent retail sales potential in 1 to 5 gallon containers when in flower in the spring.