

Symphoricarpos albus

Stəmtəmnýáŕq 'corpse berry', Snowberry

H: 3'-6'

W: 3'-6'

Light: Full Sun to shade

Water: Low to moderate

Temperature: -40F

Foliage: Green

Flower: Pink

Native Range: Most of temperate North America

Description: The best known feature of this Northwest Native are its ghost white berries that stick around on bare stems long after its leaves have fallen, providing some of the best winter interest of any deciduous shrub. *S. albus* is pretty carefree, growing just about anywhere you plant it, and thriving on neglect. In fact, it might be a bit too carefree, spreading freely through suckers and rhizomes. Make sure it has room to spread.

The white berries are an important food source for animals, but poisonous to humans. Hence, the Salish name Stəmtəmnýáŕq, which translates to 'corpse berry' in English. This plant is perfect for naturalized gardens, wildlife gardens, difficult spots, and erosion control.

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