

Seven-son Flower

Heptacodium miconioides



Exfoliating Bark



Summer foliage

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Family: Caprifoliaceae

Stem & Leaf Type: woody

Leaf Color: dark green

Fall Color: yellow—not significant or very showy

Flower Time: late summer, early fall

Flower Color: creamy white

Fruit: capsule with showy rose-purple sepals—very attractive

Light: full sun to part shade

Moisture: well-drained

USDA Hardiness

Zones: 5-8

Insect/Disease Issues:

None serious—sometimes has t...
...sibly due to canker

Nativity:

China

Location in the Garden

South Patio



Landscape Value:

This relatively unknown large shrub or small tree is a great addition to a protected location in your garden growing 15' to 20' tall and 15' wide. Plants transplant easily from containers and suffer from very few insect or disease problems making them easy to grow.

Plant for its late summer flower show—a time when many shrubs have very little to show off. Flowers are known to attract pollinators like butterflies and bees and the fruit is almost as showy (if not more so) than the flowers. Bark is wonderful with tan strips exfoliating in long narrow strips revealing light tan color below.

Plants need well-drained soils and prefer part or filtered sun and slightly acidic soils but will grow in a wide range of conditions. Plants may show some leaf tatter in periods of drought. In tough winters it is not uncommon to see some minor tip back because of the cold, just prune off dead in the spring.

Notes:

This plant can easily be incorporated in more gardens especially in the southern half of Iowa. Plants are often sold as multi-stem shrubs but can be pruned into single stemmed small trees if that is desired.

Months of Interest:

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec