

Native Viburnums for the Garden

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Attract birds and pollinators to the garden and enhance its display with the multi-season interest of viburnums. Viburnums have much to offer: creamy-white, flat-topped flowers in late spring to early summer, ornamental fruit, and sensational fall color. Additionally, most offer attractive, clean foliage throughout the season. They are easy to grow, adaptable and can handle many tough cultural situations.

The addition of viburnums to your garden provides multiple seasons of interest while also supporting wildlife. With a variety of cultivars available there is a viburnum for every garden.

To enrich your autumn display and provide ecological benefits to your garden consider the viburnums on the opposite page.

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Viburnum nudum

POSSUMHAW VIBURNUM

This is a multi-stemmed, medium-sized shrub that grows to 6-10'. It brightens up the garden with its quite lustrous leaves and unique fruit display. The fruit is abundant, changing from white, to pink, to blue so that there are multiple colors on any one fruit cluster. The effect is striking when grown in sun to light shade conditions. As fruits persist further into the season, the possumhaw viburnum is a late season food source for birds.

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Viburnum dentatum

ARROWWOOD

The naturally arching stems of Arrowwood grow to an average 9' and lend an architecturally graceful appearance to the woodland garden. It prefers to grow in full sun and moist soils but will tolerate light shade and dry soils. This is a viburnum species that is very adaptable in the landscape. Birds enjoy the porcelain blue fruit but also use arrowwood for nesting and cover.

The fall color varies from plant to plant and ranges from yellow to red to reddish purple.

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Viburnum prunifolium

BLACK HAW

Black haw can grow to 10-20' and can function as a specimen tree in the landscape. It grows best in filtered shade to full sun and performs well in a wide range of soil moisture and pH conditions. Autumn brings purple to red foliage color and black fruits that are enjoyed by wildlife.

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Viburnum opulus var. americanum

HIGHBUSH CRANBERRY

Highbush cranberry is a large shrub ranging from 8-15'. Reminiscent of the cranberry, it has edible fruits that turn from yellow to bright red and persist well into winter. It thrives in moist to wet soils, in full sun or part shade. New foliage emerges with a reddish tinge, turning a glossy medium green through summer. In the fall, the foliage changes first to yellowish then to red-purple, combining with the bright red fruits creating an eye-catching accent in the garden.

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