

Botanical Name: Viburnum japonicum

Common Name: Japanese viburnum

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape erect with ascending-spreading branches, forms a full, oval  
to rounded canopy; becomes treelike with age, young stems smooth, green

Height 8-20' Spread 6-15' Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun near coast, partial sun inland

Soil prefers deep loam, tolerates most

Hardiness hardy (zones 5-9, 14-24)

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, opposite, ovate, 3-6" long, leathery, dark green,  
shiny, somewhat acuminate apex

Flowers white, bell-shaped, 1/4" across, very fragrant, produced  
on loose cymes--summer

Fruit 1/4" long red ovoid drupe

Propagation: semihardwood cuttings, seed

Usage: large background shrub, screen, large scale hedge,  
can be pruned into a small shade tree

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers regular, tolerates some drought after established

Fertilizing balanced in spring -- plus iron

Pruning to shape desired anytime

Pests/Diseases aphids, scale, powdery mildew

Special Conditions keep sulfur sprays off Viburnums

Origin: Japan Family: Caprifoliaceae