Red Feather Viburnum

Viburnum dentatum 'JN Select'



Red Feather Viburnum foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Arrowwood

Description:

A beautiful new introduction offering interest across the seasons; maroon spring foliage has prominent dark green veins (hence the name), fading to lustrous green, showy clusters of creamy white flowers are followed by bluish-black berries in fall



Red Feather Viburnum fruit
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Ornamental Features

Red Feather Viburnum is smothered in stunning creamy white flat-top flowers at the ends of the branches in late spring. It has attractive dark green deciduous foliage which emerges burgundy in spring. The glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding deep purple in the fall. The blue fruits are held in abundance in spectacular clusters from early to late fall.

Landscape Attributes

Red Feather Viburnum is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Red Feather Viburnum is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Red Feather Viburnum will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selection of a native North American species.