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Fragrant Viburnum- A Feast for the Senses in all Seasons

Few shrubs can boast such a wide array of attractions and all-season interest as this group of Viburnums.

Pink pearly buds open to blushing white snowballs,
perfuming the air with scents of clove and spicy chocolate.



Tiny fuzzy leaves expand to
rich velvety green summer foliage.



Bundles of merlot teardrop fruits hang
from stiff branches in early fall.



Cool fall weather brings sorbet colored leaves
in shades of tangerine, lemon, and raspberry.



Fragrant Viburnums are a group of species, selections, and hybrids that are excellent flowering shrubs for Midwest landscapes with their attractive flowers and leaves as well as cold, heat, and pollution tolerance.

Propagation and Growing

Fragrant Viburnums are among the more difficult plants to propagate. We have developed a program over the years that produces a healthy rooted cutting that can be brought to a nice size in a 5Gal or 7Gal container in a few years. We have found that container plants expand the season for successful planting.



The Best of Care

Our Fragrant Viburnums receive regular drip irrigation and slow release fertilizer in our container growing area.

These attractive shrubs are relatively pest and disease free, but our IPM program includes scouting and sometimes a preventive treatment if pests occasionally emerge. Most selections are resistant to leaf spot. Proper spacing also allows for air circulation to keep the attractive leaves free of mildews.

In a good growing year, Viburnum will make two strong flushes of growth. The shrubs are pruned back and shaped after flowering and before next year flower buds form.

Fragrant Viburnums:

Deciduous Flowering Shrubs

Hardiness:

Zone 4-5

Flowers:

Pink to red buds open to fragrant white clusters in April-May

Fruit:

Red to black drupe

pH Preference:

Slight acid to neutral, tolerates acid

Soil Preferred:

Moist, well-drained
(will not tolerate long periods of wet)

Light Preference:

Full sun to part shade for the best flowers, but do tolerate shade

Uses:

Border, Hedge, Mass,
Windbreak, Specimen



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There are Fragrant Viburnums available in many sizes and forms- from compact to ornamental in size.

Korean Spice-

Viburnum carlesii

Mature Form: 5'h x 7'w
Rounded
Buds: Coral Pink
Fall Color: Wine Red
Stiff spreading branches



Judd-

Viburnum x juddii

Mature Form: 6'h x 6'w
Rounded

Buds: Rosy Pink
Fall Color: Purple Red
V. carlesii x bitchiense cross,
more resistance to leaf spot



Korean Spice Dwarf-

Viburnum carlesii 'Compactum'

Mature Form: 3'h x 3'w
Dense Rounded
Buds: Coral Pink
Fall Color: Wine Red
Dwarf selection with darker leaves that are
more resistance to leaf spot.



Cayuga-

Viburnum carlesii 'Cayuga'

Mature Form: 5'h x 8'w
Dense Upright Oval
Buds: Mauve Pink
Fall Color: Wine Red
V. carlesii x carlcephalum cross,
Interesting coarse dark green leaves.



Mohawk-

Viburnum x burkwoodii 'Mohawk'

Mature Form: 6'h x 6'w
Upright
Buds: Ruby Red
Fall Color: Orange Red
Dark glossy leaves,
red flower buds



Burkwood-

Viburnum x burkwoodii

Mature Form: 8'h x 5'w
Upright Spreading
Buds: Pink
Fall Color: Dark Wine Red
Dark glossy leaves are semi-evergreen



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