



## Service Viburnum

*Viburnum utile*

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ☐ ☒

Hardiness Zone: 6a

### Description:

A compact evergreen shrub rarely seen in the trade; showy clusters of creamy white flowers in mid-spring; blue-black fruit from August through early winter; small, shiny green foliage; an important breeding parent for many commercial varieties

### Ornamental Features

Service Viburnum features showy clusters of lightly-scented creamy white flowers at the ends of the branches in mid spring. The steel blue fruits which fade to black over time are held in abundance in spectacular clusters from late summer to early winter. It has dark green foliage with silver undersides. The small glossy round leaves remain dark green throughout the winter.

### Landscape Attributes

Service Viburnum is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a more or less rounded form. 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.



Service Viburnum flowers  
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Service Viburnum in bloom  
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Service Viburnum is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

### Planting & Growing

Service Viburnum will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It has a low canopy, 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 variety requires a different selection of the same species growing nearby in order to set fruit.

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 species is not originally from North America.



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