Variegated Japanese Viburnum

Viburnum japonicum 'Variegatum'



Variegated Japanese Viburnum foliage
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Height: 6 feet

Spread: 7 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 6

Description:

An attractive evergreen shrub, producing white clusters of flowers over a long period from winter until spring, followed by small clusters of red fruit; perfect in borders or as a low screen

Ornamental Features

Variegated Japanese Viburnum features showy cymes of lightly-scented white star-shaped flowers at the ends of the branches from late winter to early spring. It features an abundance of magnificent red berries in mid summer. It has creamy white-variegated dark green foliage which emerges light green in spring. The glossy pointy leaves remain dark green throughout the winter.



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Landscape Attributes

Variegated Japanese Viburnum is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

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.

Variegated Japanese Viburnum is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Variegated Japanese Viburnum will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 7 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 2 feet 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 is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.