Aurora Viburnum

Viburnum carlesii 'Aurora'



Aurora Viburnum flowers
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Height: 6 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Koreanspice Viburnum, Korean Spice

Description:

An unbelievably fragrant garden beauty, smothered in intoxicating ball-shaped clusters of pinkish-white flowers in early spring on a compact plant, plant where the fragrance can be enjoyed; beautiful In groupings or in the fragrant shrub border



Aurora Viburnum in bloom
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Ornamental Features

Aurora Viburnum is covered in stunning balls of fragrant shell pink flowers at the ends of the branches in mid spring, which emerge from distinctive fuchsia flower buds. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The heart-shaped leaves turn an outstanding red in the fall. The black fruits are held in clusters from late summer to late fall.

Landscape Attributes

Aurora Viburnum is a dense 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.

Aurora Viburnum is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Aurora Viburnum will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 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 slow 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 may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.