Mrs. Schiller's Delight Viburnum

Viburnum obovatum 'Mrs. Schiller's Delight'

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 7

Other Names: Dwarf Walter's Viburnum, Black Haw

Description:

A wonderful compact rounded cultivar, with showy clusters of snowy white lacecap clusters of flowers in early spring, followed by red fruit in summer that matures to black; adaptable, makes a great garden specimen

Ornamental Features

Mrs. Schiller's Delight Viburnum is blanketed in stunning cymes of lightly-scented white tubular flowers with buttery yellow throats held atop the branches from late winter to early spring. The red fruits are held in abundance in spectacular clusters in mid summer. It has dark green evergreen foliage which emerges coppery-bronze in spring. The small glossy oval leaves turn an outstanding coppery-bronze in the fall, which persists throughout the winter. The brick red stems can be quite attractive.

Landscape Attributes

Mrs. Schiller's Delight Viburnum is a dense 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.



Mrs. Schiller's Delight Viburnum flowers
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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 and butterflies 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.

Mrs. Schiller's Delight Viburnum is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening



Mrs. Schiller's Delight Viburnum foliage
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Planting & Growing

Mrs. Schiller's Delight Viburnum will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. 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 typical garden conditions. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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.