Michael Dodge Viburnum

Viburnum dilatatum 'Michael Dodge'



Michael Dodge Viburnum fruit
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Height: 6 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Linden Viburnum

Description:

An exquisite garden shrub with numerous attributes; showy flat-topped clusters of white flowers in spring followed by masses of brilliant yellow-gold fruit in fall; scarlet-copper fall color; a compact low maintenance plant, ideal for the shrub border



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Ornamental Features

Michael Dodge Viburnum is bathed in stunning white flat-top flowers at the ends of the branches in late spring. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The oval leaves turn an outstanding scarlet in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Michael Dodge Viburnum is a multi-stemmed deciduous 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.

Michael Dodge Viburnum is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Michael Dodge Viburnum will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, 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 highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.