Chesapeake Viburnum

Viburnum 'Chesapeake'

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5

Description:

A large semi-evergreen shrub that grows wider than tall; showy clusters of creamy white flowers in mid-spring, then dull red fruit that matures to black and persists; good fall color; excellent along borders. or for hedging and screening



Chesapeake Viburnum flowers
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Chesapeake Viburnum in bloom
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Ornamental Features

Chesapeake Viburnum features showy clusters of fragrant creamy white flowers at the ends of the branches in mid spring, which emerge from distinctive pink flower buds. The red fruits which fade to black over time are held in abundance in spectacular clusters from late summer to late fall. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The glossy pointy leaves turn an outstanding red in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Chesapeake 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.

Chesapeake Viburnum is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Chesapeake Viburnum will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 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 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 particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.