Akira's Sun Viburnum

Viburnum dilatatum 'Akira's Sun'



Akira's Sun Viburnum foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 7 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Linden Viburnum

Description:

A beautiful shrub for the home landscape with many fine qualities; flat-topped clusters of white flowers in spring; glowing yellow new foliage matures to gold; a compact, low maintenance shrub, perfect contrast for the garden or border

Ornamental Features

Akira's Sun Viburnum is clothed in stunning creamy white flat-top flowers at the ends of the branches in late spring. It has gold foliage with hints of chartreuse which emerges yellow in spring. The oval leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color. The red fruits are held in clusters from late summer to late winter.

Landscape Attributes

Akira's Sun Viburnum is a 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.



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Akira's Sun Viburnum is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Akira's Sun Viburnum will grow to be about 7 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 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 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.