Sawtooth Snowball Viburnum

Viburnum plicatum 'Sawtooth'



Sawtooth Snowball Viburnum flowers
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Sawtooth Snowball Viburnum in bloom
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Height: 10 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5

Description:

A breathtaking shrub with huge ball-shaped white flowers in spring, showy almost beyond words; flowers are sterile so the shrub does not produce fruit; serrated, deeply veined forest green foliage add up to a fine specimen plant; burgundy fall color

Ornamental Features

Sawtooth Snowball Viburnum features showy balls of white flowers at the ends of the branches in mid spring. It has attractive forest green deciduous foliage. The serrated oval leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding burgundy in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Sawtooth Snowball 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. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Sawtooth Snowball Viburnum is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Sawtooth Snowball Viburnum will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, 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 shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. 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 selected variety of a species not originally from North America.