White Fragrant Viburnum

Viburnum farreri 'Album'



White Fragrant Viburnum flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 12 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Candidissimum

Description:

A loosely open shrub covered in round clusters of sweetly fragrant flowers in very early spring followed by berries that fade from red to black over the summer; white blooms appear in late winter; attractive to birds, good fall color; great in groupings

Ornamental Features

White Fragrant Viburnum features showy clusters of fragrant white flowers at the ends of the branches from late winter to early spring, which emerge from distinctive rose flower buds before the leaves. It has light green deciduous foliage which emerges olive green in spring. The serrated oval leaves turn an outstanding burgundy in the fall. The dark red fruits are held in clusters from late summer to early fall.

Landscape Attributes

White Fragrant Viburnum is an open multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

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.

White Fragrant Viburnum is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

White Fragrant Viburnum will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 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 approximately 30 years. While it is considered to be somewhat self-pollinating, it tends to set heavier quantities of fruit with a different variety of the same species growing nearby.

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 somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.