Chenault Viburnum

Viburnum x burkwoodii 'Chenaultii'



Chenault Viburnum flowers
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Height: 10 feet

Spread: 7 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

Among the finest of garden shrubs, an upright mounded beauty with intensely fragrant ball-shaped clusters of pinkish-white flowers in early spring, plant where the fragrance can be enjoyed, red fruit persists through winter; an ideal border shrub

Ornamental Features

Chenault Viburnum is draped in stunning clusters of fragrant white flowers at the ends of the branches in early spring, which emerge from distinctive pink flower buds before the leaves. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The small glossy narrow leaves turn an outstanding deep purple in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Chenault 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.

Chenault Viburnum is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Chenault Viburnum will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 7 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 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 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.