



Popcorn Viburnum

Viburnum plicatum 'Popcorn'

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ☉ ●

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

When in bloom, this cultivar is clothed in curious balls of snowy white flowers that resemble popcorn, held atop the branches in spring; has attractive upward branching and good fall color; fruit is produced sporadically; makes a fantastic specimen shrub

Ornamental Features

Popcorn Viburnum is draped in stunning clusters of white flowers held atop the branches in mid spring. The red fruits are held in abundance in spectacular clusters from mid summer to early fall. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The serrated pointy leaves turn an outstanding brick red in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Popcorn 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.

Popcorn Viburnum is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Popcorn Viburnum flowers
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Popcorn Viburnum in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Popcorn Viburnum will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 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 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.