

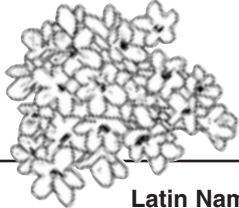


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Versatile Fragrant Viburnums - The Sweet and the Strong!



Latin Name	Viburnum x burkwoodii	Viburnum x burkwoodii 'Mohawk'	Viburnum x carlcephalum	Viburnum x carlesii	Viburnum x carlesii 'Cayuga'	Viburnum x 'Compactum'	Viburnum x juddii
Common Name	Viburnum Burkwood	Viburnum Mohawk	Viburnum Fragrant	Viburnum Korean Spice	Viburnum Cayuga	Viburnum Korean Spice Dwarf	Viburnum Juddi
Mature Size (ht x wd)	10' x 7'	6' x 6'	10' x 10'	5' x 7'	5' x 8'	3' x 4'	8' x 8'
Zone	4	4	5	4	4	4	4
Bud Color	Pink	Red	Pink	Pink	Pink	Pink	Pink
Flower Color	White	White	White	White	White	White	White
Flowers In:	April	May	May	May	May	May	May
Glossy Summer Leaves	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Fall Color	Red	Red & Orange	Red & Purple	Red	Red	Red	Red & Purple
Tolerant of:	Cold Heat Pollution Urban Cond.	Cold Disease Heat Pollution Urban Cond.	Urban Cond.		Disease	Disease	Disease Urban Cond.

The 'Fragrant Viburnums' include a broad range of plants from compact to ornamental in size. Few shrubs can boast such a wide array of attractions and all-season interest as this group of Viburnums with their ornamental branching bared in winter, aromatic showy spring flowers, richly velvet green leaves, and eye-catching fruit and fall color. They are relatively pest free, but are among the more difficult plants to propagate. We have been trying our hands at it for twenty plus years and now have a regimen that produces a healthy rooted cutting that can be brought to a nice 5 Gal container size in a few years.

Propagation

In the summer we begin to watch for the optimum stem strength and take semi-mature cuttings before the terminal buds form. Cuttings are rooted in a partially shaded mist house and begin producing roots in several weeks. New growth is encouraged with hardening-off and

fertilizing. Plants are left in place until they go dormant. They may be shifted into 1 Gal or 3 Gal for growing on, depending on the species. We have found that the using container plants expand the successful planting time for many of the Fragrant Viburnums.

Container Production

Our Fragrant Viburnums get the best of care in our container growing area with regular drip irrigation and slow release fertilizer. Our IPM program often includes a preventive pest treatment for the few pests that can occasionally emerge. Fragrant Viburnums will make two strong flushes of growth in a good growing year. Pruning back and shaping the branching after flowering can help the plant fill out before next year flower buds form. We are experimenting with a variety of pruning styles to shape plants in a way that they will fit in a wide range of spaces. Many species can be pruned to stay small or shadow a garden wall.

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