

Viburnum

Viburnum (*Caprifoliaceae*)



x bodnantense "Dawn"

Origin: Wales. Deciduous shrub with upright habit. Elliptic leaves which are at first bronze and later become dark green and then reddish in autumn. Flowers from December to February-March on bare branches, pink in bud, whitish-pink when open. The flowers are strongly scented and clustered in bunches on the previous year's branches. No special requirements as regards soil, used singly or in groups or hedging.

x burkwoodii

Origin: England. Semi-evergreen shrub with very compact habit and shiny dark green ovate leaves, 4-9 cm long, 2-5 cm wide, underside covered in light brown down. In March-April covered in wonderfully scented globose inflorescences at tips of branches. Flowers are pink in bud, later white. Thrives in fairly damp environments and on reasonably damp soils that are well-drained, deep and fertile. Use: on its own, in groups, mixed hedges.



Viburnum



x burkwoodii "Anne Russell"

Selected in England, has leaves that turn a lovely reddish-orange in autumn and deeper pink buds, almost red. Otherwise, same as above.

carlesii

Origin: Korea. Dense, bushy, deciduous shrub. Dark green leaves, reddish in autumn. The pink buds which appear in mid-spring open into white and pink, fragrant flowers. Black, ornamental fruit.



Viburnum

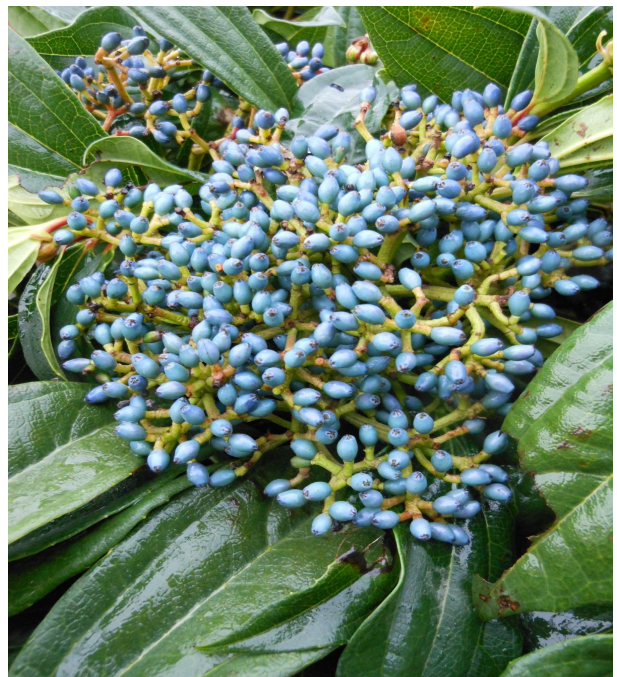


cinnamomifolium

Origin: Western China. Evergreen large shrub or small tree, with large elliptical leaves, shiny dark green on top, paler underneath, with 3 deep veins. In May-June, white flowers in terminal clusters, followed by small, bluish-black fruits. Thrives in zones that are not dry and in reasonably humid, well-drained terrain, deep, fertile. Use: on its own, in groups, for mixed hedges.

dauidii

Evergreen shrub with compact, spreading habit. Bright green, leathery, oval leaves, up to 14cm long. White flowers in clusters at the ends of the branches in May-June, followed by beautiful deep blue fruit which persists throughout winter. Excellent as ground cover.



Viburnum



x hillieri "Winton"

Semi-evergreen shrub with spreading, round habit and rather sparse branches. Purple leaves when they appear, later green and then turning back to bright purple in autumn. White flowers in flat umbels in June, followed by fruit which is initially red and then black.

lucidum

Rapid growing, evergreen, dense, bushy, upright shrub. Beautiful, large, oval or elongated leaves, up to 20 cm long, 10 cm wide, very leathery and green, rivalling the Magnolia g. "Gallissoniensis" for glossiness and in autumn often turning bright red. White flowers clustered in apical umbels at the end of spring. Hardy. Tolerates drastic pruning and adapts to all types of soil except soil that is too calcareous. Suitable for medium or high hedges. Grows well in containers.



Viburnum



opulus

Origin: Africa, Asia. Vigorous, deciduous, bushy, rounded shrub. Leaves similar to the maple, tri-lobate, dark green, up to 10cm long; flat, terminal heads, 8cm wide made up of central flowers surrounded by showy fertile, flat, white flowers. Fleshy, spherical, bright red fruit follow, lasting for many months.

opulus "Roseum"
(*V. opulus* "Sterile")

Deciduous shrub with lobate, pale green leaves which turn yellow and red in autumn. In May-June creamy-white, globular inflorescences that become tinged with pink at the end of the flowering.



Viburnum



plicatum "Mariesii"

Deciduous shrub with horizontal branches in tiers. In May-June, very numerous, white, spectacular inflorescences. Use on its own or in groups. Thrives in pots.

plicatum "Summer Snowflake"

Deciduous shrub of compact, spreading growth with branches arranged in regular overlapping planes. Oval, pointed leaves, 6-8cm long, dark green turning a beautiful red in autumn. White flowers in flat inflorescences, 12cm wide. Spectacular flowering in May, lasting throughout the summer, less rich but still clearly visible.



Viburnum



plicatum "Watanabe" (*V. plicatum nanum* *semperflorens*)

Deciduous shrub, almost dwarf, with striking flowering uninterrupted from May to October. White, flat inflorescences, 8-10cm wide followed by small, round, red fruit. Dark green leaves, red in autumn.

x pragense

Upright, well branched evergreen shrub. Elliptic leaves, 8-10cm long, wrinkled, glossy dark green. Flowers in May, pink in bud, white when open, grouped in round inflorescences. Excellent for hedges.



Viburnum



rhytidophyllum

Origin: China. Beautiful evergreen shrub, very large with upright habit. Broad leaves, 8-12cm long and 3-6cm wide, shiny and crinkled on the upper side, grey and downy underneath. Not very attractive but showy flowers in May, yellowish-white in large, flat umbels 15-18cm in diameter, followed by bunches of fruit which are initially red, later becoming black when ripe. The fruit ripens very slowly and therefore two different colours of fruit can be seen at the same time on the plant, making a very attractive contrast. Grows well even in very calcareous soil.

tinus "Eve Price", Laurus tinus

Densely branched shrub, very compact. Evergreen, oval, lanceolate, dark green, thick leaves, acuminate at the tip, 5-8cm long. Starting from November it is completely covered in pinkish-red buds which remain closed until February when they open into white flowers and persist until April. Withstands the cold but it is not a mountain plant. Many uses: as a specimen, in groups or associated with other shrubs, for hedges that can be free growing or clipped. Grows well in pots and containers.

