

## Recommended Viburnums for the Landscape

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The Holden Arboretum

Viburnum	Flower Color	Fruit Color	Height	Habit
<i>Burkwood</i> <i>V. x burkwoodii</i>	Pink buds White Fragrant	Red to Black	10 feet	Upright
<i>Arrow wood</i> <i>V. dentatum</i>	Creamy White	Bluish- Black	10 feet	Upright
<i>Dwarf Korean</i> <i>V. carlesii</i> 'Compactum'	Pink buds White Fragrant	Red to Black, few	5 feet	Upright
<i>Withered</i> <i>V. cassinoides</i>	Creamy White	Green to Pink, Red to Blue	6 feet	Upright, Arching
<i>Linden 'Erie'</i> <i>V. dilatatum</i> 'Erie'	White	Red to Coral	6 feet	Rounded
<i>Black haw</i> <i>V. prunifolium</i>	Creamy White	Bluish- Black	20 feet	Open, Arching
<i>Doublefile</i> <i>V. plicatum</i> 'Popcorn'	White, Snowball Clusters	None: sterile	8 feet	Horizontal Tiered
<i>Southern Black haw</i> <i>V. rufidulum</i>	Creamy White	Rose to Bluish- Black	15 feet	Open

Most of the species represented in the collection are native to Eastern or Central Asia or to Eastern North America. Evergreen viburnums do occur, however deciduous and semi-evergreen species survive better in northeast Ohio.

The majority of viburnums grow best in full sun and tolerate a wide range of soil conditions. The optimal soil conditions for growing vigorous viburnums in the landscape are deep, loamy soils, enriched with organic matter. Design creativity with viburnums is endless since they can be used as specimen plants, for naturalizing, screening, hedges, borders, massing, and for creating backdrops for other plants.

The Main Display Garden houses 24 species and 60 different kinds of viburnums.

### Hedge Collection

The most formal garden within The Holden Arboretum, the hedge collection is arranged in an oblong spoke pattern; the lowest hedges are grouped at one end of the spoke and progressively increase in height toward the opposite end of the spoke. The collection demonstrates 27 interesting and reliable species of deciduous and evergreen plants, easy to establish and maintain for various types of hedges, screens and borders. The collection also demonstrates the proper spacing used to create a healthy hedge and the proper technique and time of year to prune various species.

### Perennials and Minor Collections

Over 370 species and cultivars of herbaceous perennials reside in the garden. As a group they exhibit the vast selection of easily grown perennials available to the northeast Ohio homeowner. Aside from showing each plant's ultimate form, height, color and suggested landscape use, perennials were added to the garden to compliment the woody plants by

extending the season of bloom and range of color, and to provide more seasonal texture and interesting focal points. A small selection of moisture loving perennials such as iris and astilbe can be found around Lotus Pond.

Eight thousand narcissus and minor spring bulbs begin the perennial show in early spring. Phlox, astilbe, campanula, tree peonies, and sedum follow in spring and early summer. During the heat of summer and early fall, daylilies, rudbeckia, aster, coreopsis, yarrow, and hosta highlight the garden.

Several other minor plant groups within the garden are worthy of note. These include cotoneaster, cinquefoil, St. Johnswort, spirea, witch hazel, roses, shadbush, and barberry.

### Notable Tree Specimens

Many interesting trees grace the Main Display Garden. Look for beautiful specimens of weeping willow, river birch, variegated sweet gum, silverbell, and magnolia.

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