

# Black Haw Viburnum

*Viburnum prunifolium*

**Height:** 12' to 15'

**Spread:** 6' to 12'

**Sun:** Prefers light shade to partial sun but can handle full sun to full shade. Fewer flowers if deep shade

**Soil Moisture:** Mesic to dry

**Soil Types:** Loam, loamy clay, sandy loam or somewhat rocky

**Bloom Time:** May

**Bloom Description:** Showy 3-5" clusters (cymes) of small white fragrant flowers with a pleasing fragrance

**Leaf:** Purple to red fall color

**Fruit:** Showy blue-black, berry-like drupes that are edible and may be eaten off the bush when ripe or used in jams and preserves. The fruit is thin-fleshed though due to the single large stone. Will set fruit better with more than one shrub for pollination, but not necessary.

**Uses:** Informal hedge, deciduous screen, large specimen shrub, mixed shrub borders, backdrop for native plantings, large foundation plantings, naturalizing especially at woodland edge

**Wildlife:** The fruit is eaten by birds, especially during fall migration

**Nectar:** Small bees, flies, butterflies, skippers, hummingbird moths and ants

**Larval Host:** The beautiful spring/summer azure butterfly and several moths. The Baltimore butterfly caterpillar will feed on the leaves after leaving its original host plant (false foxglove)

**Pollinators:** Small bees and flies

**Deer Resistant:** They may nibble

**Comments:** Prune as needed after flower blooms. You will lose the fruit on pruned branches, but not next spring's flowers. Prune suckers to restrain growth within your landscaping. Can be pruned into a small tree. Less susceptible to Viburnum Leaf Beetle than most other native viburnums.

