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Summer Snowflake Doublefile Viburnum

Viburnum plicatum 'Summer Snowflake'

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5

Description:

A truly beautiful shrub when in bloom, covered in clusters of snowy white flowers held atop the branches in spring; attractive horizontal branching on a compact upright plant, bright red berries and good fall color; a beautiful choice for the shrub garden

Ornamental Features

Summer Snowflake Doublefile Viburnum is smothered in stunning white lacecap 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

Summer Snowflake Doublefile 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.

Summer Snowflake Doublefile Viburnum is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Summer Snowflake Doublefile Viburnum in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Summer Snowflake Doublefile Viburnum will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, 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.



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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 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.