Viburnum, Sparkler

Viburnum dentatum 'SMVDE'



Viburnum, Sparkler foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 12 feet

Spread: 12 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Arrowwood

Description:

A densely branched, upright shrub, featuring showy flat-topped clusters of creamy white flowers in spring, followed by masses of blue-black berries; lustrous leaves turn yellow to red in fall; rugged and adaptable, ideal as a natural hedge or screen

Ornamental Features

Viburnum, Sparkler is covered in stunning creamy white flat-top flowers at the ends of the branches from mid to late spring. The royal blue fruits with black overtones are held in abundance in spectacular clusters from early to late fall. It has forest green deciduous foliage. The serrated oval leaves turn outstanding shades of yellow and in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Viburnum, Sparkler is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. 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.

Viburnum, Sparkler is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

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Planting & Growing

Viburnum, Sparkler will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, 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.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. 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 selection of a native North American species.