Viburnum, Burkwood Snowball

Viburnum x burkwoodii

Height: 12 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Description:

Among the finest of garden shrubs, an upright mounded beauty with intensely fragrant ball-shaped clusters of pinkish-white flowers in early spring, plant where the fragrance can be enjoyed, tidy the rest of the year; an ideal specimen or border shrub

Ornamental Features

Viburnum, Burkwood Snowball is covered in stunning clusters of fragrant white flowers at the ends of the branches in early spring, which emerge from distinctive pink flower buds before the leaves. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The narrow leaves turn an outstanding deep purple in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Viburnum, Burkwood Snowball 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. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Viburnum, Burkwood Snowball is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Viburnum, Burkwood Snowball flowers
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Viburnum, Burkwood Snowball in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Viburnum, Burkwood Snowball will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, 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 particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Clean up Rating (1-5) 1=least effort 5=most effort

Clean Up Rating (2): Clusters of green berries turning bright red in late summer then black in fall. Birds eat when they ripen. Clean up is blowing or raking debris onto lawn and mow or bag.



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