Compact Koreanspice Viburnum

Viburnum carlesii 'Compactum'

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Koreanspice Viburnum, Korean Spice

Compact Koreanspice Viburnum in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Description:

A smaller and dense mounded shrub with small intoxicatingly fragrant white flowers on stiff upright branches, followed by blue berries; perfect for small groupings; attractive to birds; does not have showy fall color

Compact Koreanspice Viburnum flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Compact Koreanspice Viburnum is bathed in stunning balls of fragrant white flowers with pink overtones at the ends of the branches in mid spring, which emerge from distinctive red flower buds. It has green deciduous foliage. The small oval leaves turn brick red in fall. The black fruits are held in clusters from late summer to late fall.

Landscape Attributes

Compact Koreanspice Viburnum is a dense 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.

Compact Koreanspice Viburnum is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Compact Koreanspice Viburnum will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It has a low canopy. It grows at a slow 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. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.