Cayuga Viburnum

Viburnum x carlcephalum 'Cayuga'

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Description:

An extravagant shrub for the fragrant garden, covered in deliciously fragrant ball-shaped clusters of pinkish-white flowers in spring with an upright, compact habit, plant where the fragrance can be enjoyed; a beautiful specimen for the shrub border

Ornamental Features

Cayuga Viburnum features showy balls 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 round leaves turn an outstanding deep purple in the fall. The black fruits are held in clusters from late summer to late winter.

Landscape Attributes

Cayuga Viburnum is a dense 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.



Cayuga Viburnum flowers
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Cayuga Viburnum in bloom
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Cayuga Viburnum is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



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Planting & Growing

Cayuga Viburnum will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 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 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 particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.