

## Viburnum plicatum

### (Japanese Snowball Bush)

Show- ball bush is a multi stemmed deciduous medium-sized shrub reaching 2.5-3 m in height. The horizontal branching gives a layered appearance. The branching pattern adds character that lasts throughout all four seasons in the garden. It has a deciduous leaves which turned red/ purple in the fall. The flowers form a large flat-topped cyme. The outside flowers are sterile and surrounding the fertile flowers. The fruit is an egg-shaped drupe attracts birds in the winter time. It is used as a mass plantation or in shrub borders. This species has two natural forms form plicatum and form tomentosum which is called the doublefile viburnum.



Plant Image

#### Landscape Information

**French Name:** Boule de neige du Japon

**Pronunciation:** vye-BER-num ply-KAY-tum

**Plant Type:** Shrub

**Origin:** China, Japan

**Heat Zones:** 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

**Hardiness Zones:** 6, 7, 8

**Uses:** Specimen, Border Plant, Mass Planting, Wildlife, Cut Flowers / Arrangements

#### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Moderate

**Tree Shape:** Round, Upright

**Canopy Symmetry:** Irregular

**Canopy Density:** Open

**Canopy Texture:** Medium

**Height at Maturity:** 1.5 to 3 m

**Spread at Maturity:** 1.5 to 3 meters

**Time to Ultimate Height:** 5 to 10 Years

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Flower Image

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## Botanical Description

### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Opposite

**Leaf Venation:** Parallel

**Leaf Persistence:** Deciduous

**Leaf Type:** Simple

**Leaf Blade:** 5 - 10 cm

**Leaf Shape:** Ovate

**Leaf Margins:** Serrulate

**Leaf Textures:** Coarse

**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Red, Purple

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### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** True

**Flower Size Range:** 7 - 10

**Flower Type:** Cyme

**Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)

**Flower Scent:** No Fragrance

**Flower Color:** White

**Seasons:** Spring, Summer

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### Trunk

**Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage:** Generally resists breakage

**Number of Trunks:** Multi-Trunked

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Showy, Colored

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### Fruit

**Fruit Type:** Drupe

**Fruit Showiness:** True

**Fruit Size Range:** 1.5 - 3

**Fruit Colors:** Red, Black

**Seasons:** Spring, Summer

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### Horticulture Management

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#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** Yes

**Heat Tolerant:** No

**Drought Tolerant:** No

**Salt Tolerance:** Poor

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Loam

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

**Water Requirements:** Moderate

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part

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#### Management

**Toxicity:** No

**Invasive Potential:** No

**Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases:** No

**Pruning Requirement:** Needed, to develop a strong structure

**Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter:** Yes

**Surface Rooting:** No

**Life Span:** 25-50 years

**Diseases:** Dieback, Wilts, Root rot, Botrytis

**Edible Parts:** Fruit

**Pests:** Borers

**Plant Propagations:** Seed, Cutting

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Fruit Image



Bark Image



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