

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

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

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

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Trunk Esthetic Values: Showy, Colored

Fruit

Fruit Type: Drupe

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Fruit Colors: Red, Black

Seasons: Spring, Summer

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: No

Drought Tolerant: No

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Toxity: 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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