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Erie Viburnum

Viburnum dilatatum 'Erie'

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 12 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Linden Viburnum

Description:

A beautiful shrub for the home landscape with many fine qualities; showy flat-topped clusters of white flowers in spring followed by an abundance of brilliant red fruit in fall and good fall color; a compact, low maintenance shrub, perfect for the garden

Ornamental Features

Erie Viburnum is clothed in stunning creamy white flat-top flowers at the ends of the branches in late spring. The cherry red fruits are held in abundance in spectacular clusters from late summer to late winter. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The oval leaves turn an outstanding red in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Erie Viburnum is a 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.



Erie Viburnum flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Erie Viburnum fruit
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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.



Erie Viburnum in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Erie Viburnum is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Erie Viburnum will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 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 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 highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.