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Dwarf European Cranberry

Viburnum opulus 'Nanum'



Dwarf European Cranberry
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Height: 3 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3b

Other Names: European Highbush Cranberry

Description:

A dense, rigidly upright growing small shrub with good fall color, does not have the flowers or fruit of the species; hardy and adaptable, makes an excellent low hedge or garden background shrub, excellent in groupings



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Ornamental Features

Dwarf European Cranberry is primarily valued in the garden for its ornamental globe-shaped form. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The serrated lobed leaves turn an outstanding red in the fall. The gold stems can be quite attractive.

Landscape Attributes

Dwarf European Cranberry is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and can be pruned at anytime. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects

Dwarf European Cranberry is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Dwarf European Cranberry will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a medium 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. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.