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# Viburnum acerifolium

## Mapleleaf Viburnum



A low, slender-stemmed shrub which spreads to form large, loose colonies. Flowers are yellowish-white, in flat-topped clusters. Fruit is black, ripens in September, often persists into winter. Fall color is wonderful; it ranges from a pale, creamy pink, to bright red, to purple. Thrives in shade and in dryish soils. Occurs in the wild as an understory plant in upland forests.

**Suggested companions:** oaks (*Quercus* sp.), sassafras (*Sassafras albidum*), serviceberry (*Amelanchier arborea*), Pennsylvania sedge (*Carex pensylvanica*), round-leaved hepatica (*Hepatica americana*), yellow trout lily (*Erythronium americanum*)

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Plant Type: Shrub  
Size: 3-6' H  
3-6' W

Water Tolerant: No

Habitat:  
Forested Upland  
Woodland Margin  
Riverbanks

Soil: Average Garden Soil  
Rich Moist  
Clay

Exposure: filtered  
shade

Flower Color:  
White

Bloom Time:  
June

Plant in:

Groundcover: No

Other Attributes:  
Wildlife attracting  
Fall color  
Butterfly attracting