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Viburnum lentago

Nannyberry



Also called sheepberry. A very tough, adaptable, large shrub or small tree. Creamy white flowers in May. Fruit changes color as it ripens: yellow, to pink, to red, to blue and, finally, black. Valuable wildlife plant. When grown in the shade, leaves may become mildewy.

Suggested companions: moisture-loving sedges (*Carex* sp.), sensitive fern (*Onoclea sensibilis*), great blue lobelia (*Lobelia siphilitica*), bur oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*), goldenrods (*Solidago* sp.) and asters (*Aster* sp.)

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Plant Type: Small Tree
Size: 15-20' H
10-20' W

Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Soil: Average Garden Soil
Rich Moist
Clay

Flower Color:
White

Bloom Time:
May

Other Attributes:

Fragrant
Butterfly attracting
Wildlife attracting
Fall color

Habitat:

Wet Meadow
Swamp/ Bog
Forested Wetland
Streambanks
Forested Upland

Exposure: sun
filtered

Plant in: Spring

Groundcover: No