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# Viburnum trilobum

## Highbush Cranberry



An extremely handsome native alternative to the European cranberry bush (*V. opulus*). Flower clusters in May or June are large, white and showy. Brilliant red, edible fruit in hanging clusters in September, persisting after the leaves drop, eaten by birds in late winter. Shining, three-lobed leaves change from green to yellow to reddish-purple in the fall. Fast-growing; transplants easily.

**Suggested companions:** red-osier dogwood (*Cornus stolonifera*), elderberry (*Sambucus canadensis*), arrowwood (*Viburnum dentatum*), swamp goldenrod (*Solidago patula*)

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Plant Type: Shrub  
Size: 6-12' H  
6-12' W

Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Soil: Average Garden Soil  
Rich Moist  
Very Damp/Wet

Flower Color:  
White

Bloom Time:  
May  
June

Other Attributes:

Bird attracting  
Wildlife attracting  
Fall color  
Winter interest  
Edible fruit  
Butterfly attracting

Habitat:

Woodland Margin  
Shrubby Wetland  
Wet Meadow  
Riverbanks

Exposure: sun  
filtered  
shade

Plant in:

Groundcover: No