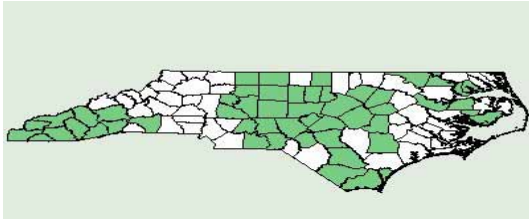


ARROWWOOD

Viburnum dentatum

Arrow-wood is one of the most care-free viburnums to grow.



Description: A deciduous mid-spring blooming shrub to small tree - blooms are very similar to the dogwood and are often times confused with viburnums. While dogwoods are easily recognized because of the large showy bracts that surround the

tiny flowers, Viburnum flowers always have five petals and dogwood flowers always have four. And if you carefully pull a dogwood leaf in two lengthwise, the two parts will tend to stay connected by the threadlike strands of the leaf veins. Viburnums don't do this.

Natural Habitat: It occurs in mesic woods, usually growing in the understory of mixed hardwood forests of oaks, magnolias, maples, hickories, American beech and the like.

Conservation Status: New York - Threatened

Size: 6-10 feet with similar spread

Light: Full Sun to Partial Shade

Planting and Care: Arrow-wood is one of the most care-free viburnums to grow. The only maintenance usually needed is to keep it in check (mowing works) because it will spread by suckering. Arrow-wood grows on both poorly drained and well drained soils. Once established it is quite drought tolerant.

Ornamental Value: Fall colors can be quite impressive with warm shades of yellow and red. Showy autumn blue-black fruit.

Landscape Usage: Excellent in a naturalistic woodland garden, or a mixed shrub border. Actually thrives in the filtered light under large oaks or tall pines.

Commercial/Traditional Uses: Native Americans made arrow shafts from the strong sucker shoots of arrow-wood.

Wildlife Benefits: Birds relish the showy blue-black fruits.