

## Doublefile Viburnum (*Viburnum plicatum* var. *tomentosum*)

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### Summary:

Foliage: Deciduous broadleaf

Height: 10 feet

Spread: 12 feet

Shape: Upright with horizontal branching pattern

Doublefile viburnum is a large wide spreading shrub with a horizontal branching habit and a spectacular flower display in spring.

### Plant Needs:

Zone: 4 to 8

Light: Partial shade to full sun

Moisture: Moist

Soil Type: Sandy, loam, or clay

pH Range: 3.7 to 7.0

### Functions:

Suggested uses for this plant include border, screen, and massing.

### Planting Notes:

Requires well-drained, moist soil. Will not tolerate heavy, clay soils with poor drainage.

Plant in full sun for best flowering.

### Care:

Easy to maintain.

### Problems:

No serious pest problems.

### Alternatives:

Consult local garden centers, historic or public gardens and arboreta, regarding cultivars and related species that grow well in your area.

Cultivars of *Viburnum plicatum*:

'Mariesii' has larger and more abundant flowers.

'Roseum' has flowers that open white and fade to pink.

### Comments:

Doublefile viburnum is a large wide spreading shrub with a handsome horizontal habit.

Creamy-white flowers bloom in flat clusters in late spring and "sit above" the foliage creating a layered effect. Flowers occur in a series of two flowers (side by side) along the length of a stem, hence the common name, doublefile viburnum. Flowers are followed by bright red berries in fall. Red berry color persists for a few weeks and then berries turn black. Fall foliage color varies with cultivar and is usually an attractive dark red/purple.

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