



## 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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