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.
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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