

Linden viburnum (*Viburnum dilatatum*)

Family name: Adoxa (Adoxaceae)

Native range: Asia

NJ Status: Emerging Stage 3- Common (may be regionally abundant). It is *highly threatening* to natural plant communities. All newly detected occurrences should be eradicated.

General description:

- Deciduous shrub or small tree, 8'-10'
- Leaves/young stems often covered in soft hairs

Leaves:

- Opposite, shallowly toothed
- Dark green, often shiny
- Leaf shape is HIGHLY VARIABLE from nearly round to nearly straplike on the same plant
- Leaves drop later in the fall- yellow fall color



Flowers:

- Numerous creamy white flowers in flattened clusters
- Blooms May-early June



Fruit:

- Small, bright red berries, flattened spheres
- Flat-topped clusters (same shape as the flower)
- Reddish/green in summer
- Bright red in September, persist into December



Habitat:

- Forest, edges, hedgerow, landscape
- Shade tolerant
- Fast growing, forms dense thickets

Commercial Availability: Yes

Look-alikes:

The *Viburnum* species are best differentiated by leaf shape, fruit color, buds, and flower and fruit structure.

Arrowwood (*Viburnum dentatum*)

- Native woodland shrub, prefers moist soil
- Leaves more deeply toothed & rounder
- Round, dark purple fruits
- Leaves/stems on mature shrubs can be rough hairy to hairless
- NOTE: Seedling arrowwood and linden viburnum are often indistinguishable.



Arrowwood has deeper toothing than linden viburnum. It can have rough hairs or be hairless. Linden viburnum has soft hairs.

For additional lookalikes, see Fact Sheets for: Wayfaring Tree (*V. lantana*), Japanese Snowball Viburnum (*V. plicatum*), Tea Viburnum (*V. setigerum*), and Siebold's Viburnum (*V. sieboldii*).