

Wayfaring tree (*Viburnum lantana*)

Family name: Honeysuckle (Caprifoliaceae)

Native range: China

NJ Status: Emerging Stage 0 - Absent or very rare. It is *highly threatening* to natural plant communities. All detected occurrences should be eradicated.

General description:

- Shade tolerant, deciduous shrub or small tree to 20'
- Can be multistemmed
- Bark smooth, brown with orange streaks
- Buds fuzzy, naked (no scales enclosing bud)
- Several cultivars are available, including ones with variegated foliage



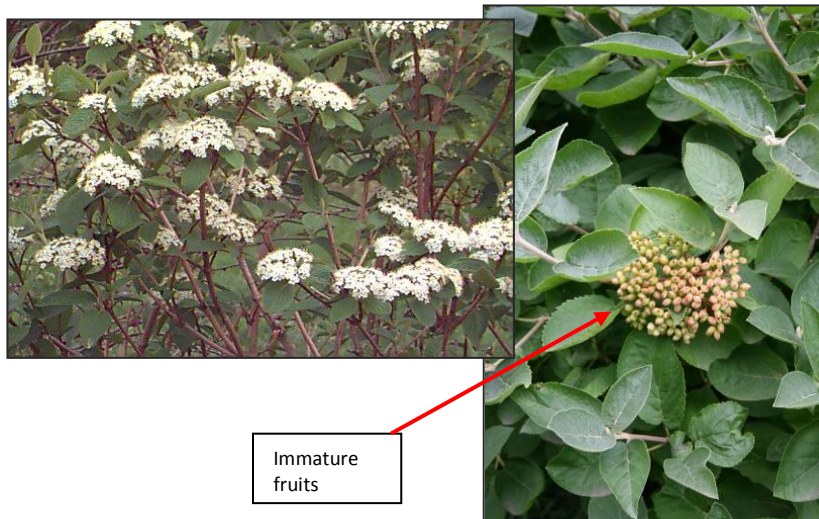
Leaves:

- Opposite, toothed
- Oval to oblong-ovate
- 2"-5" long
- Hairy beneath, wrinkled above
- Leathery, dark gray-green



Flowers:

- Small, white, 5-parted with yellow stamens
- Borne in flat clusters, 3"-5" wide
- Blooms in late May



Immature fruits

Fruit:

- Maturing from red to blue-black in August-September
- Borne in flat clusters, 3"-5" across
- Fruit 0.3" diameter



Habitat:

- Moist forests, thickets, landscaping
- Sun to shade

Commercial availability: Yes

Look-alikes:

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

Leatherleaf Viburnum (*Viburnum rhytidophyllum*)

- Non-native, invasive potential is currently unknown
- Evergreen leaves with deeply inset veins
- Leaves elongate



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