

Tea viburnum (*Viburnum setigerum*)

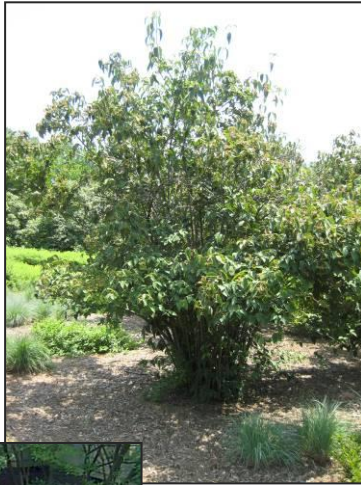
Family name: Honeysuckle (Caprifoliaceae)

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 multi-stemmed shrub to 15'
- Gray, fissured (cracked-looking) with lenticels
- Smooth stems
- Green buds edged with red
- Often "leggy"



Leaves:

- Opposite, teeth widely spaced
- Oval to lance shaped
- 3" to 6" long, up to 2" wide
- Smooth, except for long, coarse hairs on veins underneath
- Bluish-green, turning reddish in fall

Flowers:

- White
- Flat topped clusters, 1-2" in diameter
- Blooms in May



Fruit:

- Maturing in September-October
- Showy, drooping clusters
- Egg-shaped reddish-orange to orange
- Often abundant and causing limbs to droop



Habitat:

- Forests and landscaping
- Sun to shade

Commercial availability: Yes



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Look-alikes:

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

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