

## *Viburnum plicatum*

### var. *tomentosum*

#### Doublefile Viburnum

An aristocrat among flowering shrubs. In its finest form, Doublefile Viburnum is a graceful, horizontally branched shrub. The 2- to 4- (to 6-) in. wide, white flower cymes, similar in appearance to those of *Viburnum opulus*, are raised on 2-in.-high stalks above the foliage, resulting in a Milky Way effect. The flowers open in May. The 2- to 4- (to 5-) in.-long, dark green leaves are deeply veined and appear pleated. Fall color is often a good wine-red. The bright cherry-red fruit ripen in July and August, changing to black, and are a favorite food of birds. In my experience, this variety resents dry soil and heat stress more than any other viburnum. Provide ample moisture. Surprisingly, plants flower as well in shade as in sun. Use as an understory shrub, in borders, or as a specimen. It is virtually impossible to err when utilizing this variety or one of its excellent cultivars. Grows 8 to 10 ft. high, 9 to 12 ft. wide. Zones 5 to 8. China, Japan.

**Cultivars and Varieties.** 'Lanarth', 'Mariesii', and 'Shasta' are among the best of the numerous available cultivars.



*Viburnum plicatum* var. *tomentosum*, Doublefile Viburnum



*Viburnum plicatum* var. *tomentosum* fruit



*Viburnum plicatum* var. *tomentosum* fall color



*Viburnum plicatum* var. *tomentosum* 'Lanarth' flowers