

2022 Native Woody of the Year



Viburnum nudum Possomhaw

This deciduous shrub bears flat-topped clusters of aromatic white flowers in early summer. Pinkish-red berries turn blue-black as they ripen. The lustrous green leaves turn orange-red and purple in fall. Birds relish the fruit. A host plant to pollinator larvae.

Hardiness: Zones 5-9

Light: Sun to part shade Soil: Average to wet

Size: 12–20' tall

Foliage: Smooth, lustrous, green

turns orange-red and

purple in fall

Flowers: Flat-topped, aromatic

white clusters

Fruit: Berries change color as

they ripen

Bloom Time: June to July

Wildlife Value: Fruits attract birds; host plant for the spring azure butterfly and hummingbird clearwing moth



Photos: Stephanie Brundage, top, Alan Cressler, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center