



2018 Native Woody of the Year



Viburnum prunifolium

Blackhaw viburnum

Large flat heads of creamy white, fragrant flowers blanket this upright deciduous shrub in late spring. Pinkish-red berries mature to blue-black and persist into winter, attracting birds. The fruit is also edible by people and used to make preserves. Glossy green leaves turn reddish-purple in fall.

- Hardiness:** Zones 3–9
Light: Sun to part shade
Soil: Average to dry
Size: 12–14' tall
Foliage: Reddish-purple in fall
Flowers: Creamy white clusters
Fruit: Pink berries turn blue-black
Bloom Time: Late spring to early summer
Wildlife Value: Nectar for native bees and other beneficial insects such as syrphid, tachinid, and bee flies. Host plant for spring azure butterfly and several moth species. Fruit provides food for birds, small mammals.



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