

# European cranberrybush *Viburnum opulus*

# **Description**

Introduced to North America as an ornamental.

Does not produce actual cranberries.

#### Habit

Light brown and stays largely smooth; multiple, arching tree/shrub; grows up to 10 ft tall.

#### Leaves

Opposite, simple, 3 lobed and coarsely serrated, orbicular, 2-4 in long, concave glands on petiole; dark green above, velvety below.

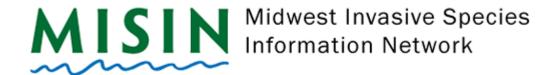
#### **Stems**

Tan to gray-brown; distinctly ridged; numerous lenticels; green to reddish brown buds are plump and have 2 visible scales.

### **Flowers**

White in color, very showy, 1/2 in across, occurring in large clusters, outer ring of flowers sterile and larger, many cultivators have only sterile flowers; bloom in mid-spring.





#### **Fruits and Seeds**

Fruit is a red berry, 1/4 inch drupe in clusters, ripening in late summer and persisting through the winter.

#### Habitat

Native to Europe, North Africa and Northern Asia.

# Reproduction

By seed.

#### **Similar**

American Cranberrybush (Viburnum opulus L. var. americanum); Mapleleaf Viburnum (Viburnum acerifolium).

# **Monitoring and Rapid Response**

Hand-pulling or dug up of young seedlings; cut tree near ground level and apply glyphosate. Also eaten by the European Cranberrybush beetle.

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