

## 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.

### **Credits**

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