

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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