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Viburnum- "The Four Season Plant"

As Dr. Michael Dirr a well respected Professor of Horticulture and avid book writer quoted From Univ. of Ga. : "A garden without a Viburnum is akin to life without music and art". There are around 150+ species that are known and many selections (cultivars) of these various Viburnum. Their general range of distribution is in the temperate Northern Hemisphere. There are a few that are tropical. They are well known for many features such as Brilliant displays of yellow to orange and bright red berries to wonderful fragrant blossoms to beautiful luscious foliage. Of course not all on the same plant. Footnote: As with most landscape plants that are currently grown you can't get everything on the same plant.

Thus the reason for the timing of the article: Winter interest. Some Viburnum are evergreen, some semi and others are deciduous (lack of foliage during the winter). The last group we will focus here. They generally are upright forms and are usually 4-8' in height depending on the Cultivar. The berries are spectacular with buttery yellow ones on V. dilatatum 'Michael Dodge' to orange and bright red berries such as V. opulus 'Nanum' dwarf cultivar and dilatatum 'Asian Beauty' a selection that will reach 6-7' with a abundant array of bright red berries. The foliage on these are quite nice as well. So do not miss out on planting the deciduous forms of Viburnum.

In our practice we would suggest the following selections in the table below.

VIBURNUM SELECTIONS		Dated: 1.04.10	
BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	SIZE	COMMENTS
V. awabuki 'Chindo	Chindo Viburnum	5-6' tall X 4' wide	evergreen, best foliage for screen, needs protect
V. x Burkwoodii	Burkwood Viburnum	7-8' X 6' wide	semi-evergreen with fragrant blossoms
V. x Carlecephalum	Snowball Viburnum	7-' X 5' wide	deciduous, very fragrant blossoms
V. utile 'Conoy'	Conoy Viburnum	18-20" tall X 4' wide	evergreen spreader, spring flowers
V. dilatatum 'Asian Beauty'	Asian Beauty form of Linden Viburnum	6-8' tall X 4-5' wide	deciduous, red winter berries
V. plicatum tomentosum	Summer Snowflake Doublefile Viburnum	7-9' tall X 4-5' Wide	deciduous, small tree with bright white flowers
V. rhytidophylloides 'Alleghany'	Alleghany Viburnum	5-6' tall X 6-7' wide	evergreen, specimen, awesome foliage.
V. rhytidophyllum 'Pragense'	Pragense Viburnum	6-7' tall X 4-5' wide	great screening evergreen selection
V. tinus 'Spring Bouquet'	Mediterranean Viburnum	4' tall X 3' wide	incredible foliage, evergreen, needs protection

THESE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE SELECTIONS WE HAVE HAD SOME EXPERIENCE WITH

Respectfully,

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