

**Siebold's viburnum (*Viburnum sieboldii*)**

**Also called:** Siebold's arrowwood

**Family name:** Adoxa (Adoxaceae)

**Native range:** Japan

**NJ Status:** Emerging Stage 2 - Uncommon (may be regionally common or abundant). It is *highly threatening* to natural communities. All detected occurrences should be eradicated.

**General description:**

- Deciduous large shrub or small tree
- 15'-20' tall and 10'-15' wide
- Stout branching and large buds



**Leaves:**

- Opposite and coarsely toothed
- Oval shaped- 2"-5" long
- Thick, dark, leathery leaves, deeply veined
- Leaf veins & leaf stems covered in downy hairs
- Crushed leaves may emit foul odor (burnt rubber or skunk)



**Flowers:**

- Small, off-white
- 5 petals on each tiny flower
- Borne on flat-topped clusters 3"-6" across
- Blooms in late May



Siebold's viburnum flowers are similar to other viburnums.

**Fruit:**

- Oval, single-seeded fruits borne in clusters
- Maturing from red to black
- Fruit borne on bright red stems
- Appearing August-September



**Habitat:**

- Forest, open forest, edge, hedgerow, landscaping
- Shade tolerant

**Commercial Availability:** Yes

**Look-alikes:**

The *Viburnum* species are best differentiated by leaf shape, fruit color, buds, and flower and fruit structure.

**Leatherleaf viburnum (*Viburnum rhytidophyllum*)**

- Non-native shrub, potentially invasive
- Evergreen
- Twigs, leaves & stems are hairy
- Untoothed leaves
- Very wrinkled leaf surface
- Similar flower



Leatherleaf leaves

**Blackhaw (*Viburnum prunifolium*)**

- Native shrub/ small tree
- Opposite, finely toothed leaves with upcurved fine veins
- Leaves 1.5"-3.5", NOT leathery
- Blue berries occur in clusters
- Showy white flowers



Blackhaw leaves

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For additional look-alikes, see NJISST fact sheets for: **linden viburnum** (*V. dilatatum*), **wayfaring tree** (*V. lantana*), **doublefile viburnum** (*V. plicatum*), and **tea viburnum** (*V. setigerum*).