

Viburnum acerfolium

Native to Maine

Maple-leaf Viburnum
Arrowwood, Possomhaw

Upland
Forests

Leaves



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Look for toothed leaves that are opposite on the stem. Each leaf has 3 lobes. The green leaves turn purplish, pink, or red in the fall.

LEAF ARRANGEMENT	LEAF TYPE	LEAF/LEAFLET SHAPE	LEAF/LEAFLET EDGE
 ALTERNATE	 SIMPLE	 PALMATE	 SMOOTH
 OPPOSITE	 COMPOUND-PALMATE	 OVAL	 TOOTHED
 WHORLED	 COMPOUND-PINNATE	 ROUND	 WAVY

Plant



Jomegat, flickr



Look for a low-growing shrub 1 to 2 m tall. It is a perennial (new growth may die back in winter).

Stem



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Look for gray or dull brown bark that is waxy.

Seasonal Change



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From May to July look for tiny white flowers. In the fall, look for glossy green berries that turn purplish-black. The berries are in clusters on upright stalks.

Similar Species

Maple-leaf Viburnum is sometimes mistaken for immature Maple trees. Unlike Maple trees, it has white flowers that become purplish-black berries. Maple trees have green, yellow or red flowers and winged (helicopter) seeds.

Fun Fact

The Viburnum leaf beetle, native to Europe and Asia, has now reached Maine and is a concern. The larva "skeletonize" leaves by feeding on the leaves between the veins.