

Viburnum trilobum

Highbush Cranberry
American Cranberrybush

Native to Maine

Upland
Forests and Fields

Leaves



withrow, flickr



Look for dark-green leaves that are opposite on the stem with 3 serrated lobes. Leaves are 6 to 13 cm long and 5 to 10 cm wide. In fall leaves turn red.

Plant



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Look for a deciduous shrub with spreading branches growing 2 to 3 m tall.

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

Stem



Kenpei, Wikipedia



Look for gray bark that has a scaly texture. Immature twigs are reddish.

Seasonal Change



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In early June look for white flowers with large petals surrounding small flowers (a corymb). In fall look for red berries that are translucent (light shines through).

Similar Species

Highbush Cranberry is closely related to other viburnum species but this plant is much taller. The leaves are similar to Maple leaves but are more winky and the veins are indented.

Fun Fact

We use the juicy berries to make preserves (jam/jelly). Eating large quantities of RAW cranberries can cause vomiting, but they are not poisonous. Birds are attracted to the fruit that stays on the shrub all winter long.

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