
Viburnum lantana 'Mohican'



The U.S. National Arboretum presents *Viburnum lantana* 'Mohican', a stalwart and dependable shrub for difficult areas. 'Mohican' serves as the backbone of the "background shrub" genre, yet still delights with a mantle of small white flowers in spring and red-orange fruit in midsummer. There is beauty in utility!



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'Mohican' Wayfaring Viburnum

Botanical Name:	<i>Viburnum lantana</i> L. 'Mohican' (NA 28868; PI 316679)
Family:	Adoxaceae (Caprifoliaceae)
Hardiness:	U.S.D.A. Zone 4
Development:	'Mohican' is a superior seedling selection made by Donald R. Egolf from a population of 87 plants grown from seed obtained from Poland. The plant first flowered in 1952, was selected as superior in 1956, and was named and released October 25, 1966.
Significance:	'Mohican' is distinguished from related cultivars of <i>Viburnum lantana</i> by its dense growth habit, heavy dark green foliage, fruit that turns orange-red and remains effective as a display for 4 or more weeks, and resistance to bacterial leaf spot.
Description:	Height and Width: 6.5 feet tall and 8 feet wide at 15 years; may grow larger under optimal conditions. Habit: Deciduous, vigorous, dense, globose shrub. Foliage: Heavy, dark green leaves, slightly stellate pubescent and wrinkled; resistant to bacterial leaf spot. Flowers: Small, creamy white flowers in cymes, usually 250–350 per inflorescence; bloom in late April to early May. Flowers appear with the expanding young leaves. Fruit: A drupe. The fruits ripen to a bright orange-red in early July and will remain effective for 4 or more weeks before finally ripening to black.
Culture:	'Mohican' grows well in many exposures and soils but is especially suitable for full sun, drier situations, and limestone or loam soils with a pH of 6.0–7.0.
Propagation:	Roots easily from softwood or semi-hardwood cuttings under mist, 3000–5000 ppm IBA, in 4–6 weeks.
Landscape Use:	Specimen, hedge, screen, massing, shrub border, foundation planting for large buildings, good viburnum for northern areas of the country, dry areas, or calcareous soils.
Availability:	Readily available from wholesale and retail nurseries.

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