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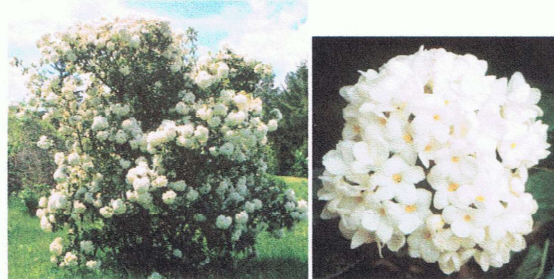


Viburnum

'Eskimo'

The U.S. National Arboretum introduction, *Viburnum* 'Eskimo', established a landmark in the breeding and development of elite viburnum cultivars. A compact, slow-growing shrub, 'Eskimo' is covered with white "snowballs" of tubular flowers in early May. Handsome, dark green, semi-evergreen foliage is resistant to bacterial leaf spot. This is a perfect plant for the home or the public garden!

Recognition: The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society Gold Medal Plant Award, 1992.



'Eskimo' Viburnum

- Botanical Name:** *Viburnum* 'Eskimo'
(NA 43148; PI 445780)
- Family:** Caprifoliaceae
- Hardiness:** U.S.D.A. Zones 6 - 8
- Development:** *V. x carlcephalum* 'Cayuga' was crossed with *V. utile* in 1962. A selection from this cross was self-pollinated in 1967. From this seedling population with 3-species parentage, a plant was selected for evaluation in 1975, named and released in 1981 as 'Eskimo'.
- Significance:** 'Eskimo' establishes a landmark in the development of elite viburnum cultivars. It is the first selection that combines the tubular flower type in a snowball inflorescence from *V. 'Cayuga'* with the dwarf growth habit and semi-evergreen foliage of *V. utile*.
- Description:** **Height and width:** 4-5 feet tall and wide.
Habit: Deciduous to semi-evergreen, slow-growing, compact shrub.
Foliage: Leathery, glossy, dark green, semi-evergreen leaves; highly tolerant to bacterial leaf spot.
Flowers: Abundant, pure white, 3-4 inch snowball inflorescences of tubular white flowers in early May.
Fruit: A drupe. Fruits ripen in August to a dull red and then to black.
- Culture:** 'Eskimo' is readily cultivated under diverse climatic and soil conditions, but grows best in full sun to partial shade in a heavy loam with an adequate moisture supply.
- Propagation:** Roots easily from semi-hardwood cuttings under mist, 1000 ppm IBA, in 4 weeks.
- Landscape Use:** Specimen plant, hedge, massed group, shrub border. Slow-growing, compact growth habit makes it ideal for the home landscape. Excellent in containers.
- Availability:** Readily available from mail-order firms and retail and wholesale nurseries.

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