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Cayuga Fragrant Viburnum (tree form)

Viburnum x carlcephalum 'Cayuga (tree form)'

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Description:

A spectacularly fragrant garden accent, featuring intoxicating ball-shaped clusters of pinkish-white flowers in spring, plant where the fragrance can be enjoyed, a tree form of the species, prune to maintain shape



Cayuga Fragrant Viburnum (tree form) flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Cayuga Fragrant Viburnum (tree form) features showy balls of fragrant white flowers at the ends of the branches from mid spring to early summer, which emerge from distinctive pink flower buds before the leaves. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The round leaves turn an outstanding deep purple in the fall. The black fruits are held in clusters from late summer to late winter.



Cayuga Fragrant Viburnum (tree form) in bloom
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Landscape Attributes

Cayuga Fragrant Viburnum (tree form) is an open deciduous tree with a strong central leader and an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Cayuga Fragrant Viburnum (tree form) is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Cayuga Fragrant Viburnum (tree form) will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 3 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This tree does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.