
Viburnum ×*rhytidophylloides* 'Alleghany'



The U.S. National Arboretum presents *Viburnum* ×*rhytidophylloides* 'Alleghany', an outstanding hybrid viburnum. The dark green, leathery foliage is an excellent foil for a host of small, yellowish-white flowers in late May and early June, as well as brilliant red fruit in September. 'Alleghany' is adapted to a wide range of conditions and has many landscape uses.

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'Alleghany' lantanaphyllum viburnum

Botanical name:	<i>Viburnum ×rhytidophylloides</i> 'Alleghany' (<i>V. rhytidophyllum</i> × <i>V. lantana</i> 'Mohican', F2 seedling selection) (NA 28865; PI 316675)
Family:	Viburnaceae
Hardiness:	USDA Zones 5–8
Development:	A select plant of <i>Viburnum rhytidophyllum</i> was crossed with <i>Viburnum lantana</i> 'Mohican' in 1953. A seedling from this cross was self-pollinated to obtain the F2 seedling population from which 'Alleghany' was selected in 1958; named and released in 1966.
Significance:	'Alleghany' may be distinguished from related cultivars by its very dark green, leathery leaves; its abundant inflorescences; its resistance to bacterial leaf spot; its cold hardiness, and by its vigorous, globose growth habit.
Description:	<p>Height and Width: 10.5 feet tall and 11 feet wide at maturity.</p> <p>Habit: Vigorous, dense, large, globose shrub.</p> <p>Foliage: Semi-evergreen, very dark green, rugose-textured leaves are intermediate between the two parents, smaller and less evergreen than <i>V. rhytidophyllum</i> and more leathery and persistent than <i>V. lantana</i>. Resistant to bacterial leaf spot.</p> <p>Flowers: Abundant cymes of small, yellowish-white fertile flowers in late May to early June.</p> <p>Fruit: A drupe. Brilliant red fruit for several weeks in September and October ripen to blue-black. Fruit clusters will frequently display both red and black fruit at the same time. A favorite of birds.</p>
Culture:	Easy to transplant and grow, 'Alleghany' is adaptable to full sun or partial shade. Much hardier to cold than the leatherleaf viburnum (<i>V. rhytidophyllum</i>), it grows well at both extremes of its hardiness range. Prefers a moist, well-drained soil. Extremely windy sites should be avoided.
Propagation:	Roots easily in 4-6 weeks under mist from semi-hardwood or hardwood cuttings treated with 1000-3000 ppm IBA.
Landscape use:	Specimen plant, massed group, in screening, or combined with other broad-leaved evergreens in the shrub border. Often used in recreational areas and commercial plantings such as malls.
Availability:	Readily available from mail-order firms and retail and wholesale nurseries.

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