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!
**'Mohican' Wayfaring Viburnum**

**Botanical Name:** Viburnum lantana 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 Viburnum lantana 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.