## 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:** *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 plant-

ing 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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