
Viburnum × *burkwoodii* ‘Conoy’



The U.S. National Arboretum presents *Viburnum* × *burkwoodii* ‘Conoy’, a compact, evergreen viburnum that deserves a place in every landscape. The high gloss of the small, dark green leaves is a perfect backdrop for lightly fragrant, white flowers in late April. The abundant flowers are followed by a colorful red fruiting display beginning in late August and lasting for 6-8 weeks. Cold winter weather gives the foliage a maroon tinge. ‘Conoy’ can add year-round beauty to any landscape.

Winner of a Pennsylvania Horticultural Society Gold Medal Plant Award, 1997.



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'Conoy' Burkwood viburnum

Botanical name:	<i>Viburnum ×burkwoodii</i> 'Conoy' (<i>V. utile</i> × <i>V. ×burkwoodii</i> 'Park Farm Hybrid') (NA 57259; PI 499834)
Family:	Viburnaceae
Hardiness:	USDA Zones 5b–8; reliably evergreen in Zones 7 and 8
Development:	'Conoy' is a selection from the cross of <i>V. utile</i> with <i>V. ×burkwoodii</i> 'Park Farm Hybrid' made in 1968 by Donald R. Egolf at the U.S. National Arboretum. Selected for field trial and propagation in 1976, 'Conoy' was named and released in 1988.
Significance:	'Conoy' is distinguished from other Burkwood viburnum cultivars by its compact growth habit, by its fine-textured, evergreen foliage, and by its persistent, abundant, glossy red fruit that last for approximately 6-8 weeks in the fall.
Description:	<p>Height and Width: 4-5 feet tall and 7-8 feet wide.</p> <p>Habit: Spreading, densely-branched shrub.</p> <p>Foliage: Extremely glossy, small, dark green leaves in summer with dark maroon tinge in winter, densely pubescent beneath.</p> <p>Flowers: Abundant inflorescences of dark pink buds opening to slightly fragrant, cream-white flowers in late April.</p> <p>Fruit: A drupe. Slightly pendulous clusters of fruit turn bright red in mid-August before ripening to black in October.</p>
Culture:	'Conoy' is readily cultivated under diverse climatic and soil conditions. Grows best in full sun to partial shade in a heavy loam with an adequate moisture supply. Tolerates drought and drier soils extremely well.
Propagation:	Roots easily from softwood, semi-hardwood, or hardwood cuttings under mist, treated with 1000 ppm IBA, in 2-4 weeks.
Landscape use:	Specimen plant; low to medium, natural or sheared hedge; foundation plant; massed group, or in containers. Suitable for the home garden; parks; industrial complexes, and shopping malls.
Availability:	Readily available from mail-order firms and retail and wholesale nurseries.

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