



Viburnum 'Nantucket'

**Botanical Name:**

Viburnum 'Nantucket'
(NA 69852; PI 651840)

Hardiness:

USDA Zones 6-8.

Development:

'Nantucket' was released in 2008 from a cross made in 1988 by the late Donald Egolf of *V. 'Eskimo'* × *V. macrocephalum* f. *keteleeri*. The female parent, 'Eskimo', was derived from open-pollinated seed from the cross [(*V. carlesii* × *V. ×carlcephalum*) × *V. utile*]. The male parent came from wild-collected seed from Zhejiang Province, China, collected in 1980 by T. Dudley.

Significance:

'Nantucket' is the 20th viburnum cultivar released from the National Arboretum's shrub breeding program. It was selected for its large, mildly fragrant, abundant, branched white inflorescences that cover the plant in spring; dark semi-evergreen narrow leaves; and upright relatively compact growth habit.

Description:

Height and width: 12 feet tall and 7 feet wide in 16 years.

Habit: Semi-evergreen upright, relatively compact shrub.

Foliage: Thick, narrow, dark green leaves.

Flowers: Abundant, pure-white, lightly fragrant, 4-5 inch branched inflorescences in May.

Propagation:

Semi-hardwood cuttings under mist with 1000 ppm IBA root in four weeks.

Landscape Use:

Specimen plant, hedge, mass planting, or as a backdrop in the shrub border. It also performs well as a container plant.

Availability:

For a list of wholesale nurseries propagating this plant, contact Dr. Margaret Pooler, U.S. National Arboretum, 3501 New York Ave., NE, Washington, DC 20002-1958
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