PLANT FACT SHEET

Viburnum nudum L.

GENUS *Viburnum* **FAMILY** Viburnaceae

COMMON NAMES Smooth withe rod, Naked Viburnum, Possum-haw

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit can be eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

An erect shrub. It grows 3 m high and spreads 1.8 m wide. It loses its leaves during the year. The leaves are 5-13 cm long by 2.5-6 cm wide. The leaves are oval and glossy and have prominent veins. There are small teeth along the edge. The leaves are shiny green above and paler and with hairs underneath. The leaves turn reddish-purple in autumn. The flowers are white or pale yellow. They are 12 mm wide. The fruit is about 0.5 cm long. It is deep blue.

HABITAT

It grows in moist soils near streams. In the SE of the USA it can grow to 910 m altitude. It suits hardiness zones 6-9.

NOTES

There are about 150 Viburnum species. Also put in the family Caprifoliaceae.

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