PLANT FACT SHEET

Viburnum plicatum Thunb.

GENUS *Viburnum* **FAMILY** Viburnaceae

COMMON NAMES Japanese snowball, Snowball Viburnum

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 2.5-3.7 m tall and spreading 3-4.5 m wide. The branches are horizontal. It loses its leaves during the year. The leaves appear to be pleated. The leaves are opposite and broadly oval. They are 4-12 cm long by 3-7 cm wide. The flowers occur in heads. They are yellow to white. The fruit is oval and red but turn black as they ripen. They are 5-7 mm long by 3-4 mm wide.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It is frost hardy. In southern China it grows between 200-3,000 m above sea level. It suits hardiness zones 4-9. Arboretum Tasmania. In Melbourne Botanical Gardens. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

NOTES

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

PICTURES



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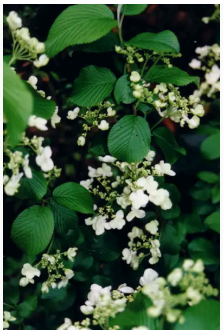

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