

Walter's Viburnum 'Withlacochee'

Viburnum obovatum



Viburnum obovatum on the farm

The most striking feature that separates this selection from other Walter's Viburnums is its unique, dark green foliage that is stunning at first glance. The large shrub or small tree at maturity reaches 10-12' in height and spreads 6-10'. In the landscape the 'Withlacochee' stays uniform in its growth habit and does not get "leggy" as many of the Viburnum species do, requiring less pruning and maintenance. It also exhibits a showy white bloom in the spring and maroon foliage during the winter months in response to cold weather. Separating itself from other Walter's Viburnum species that are semi-deciduous, the 'Withlacochee' tends to hold more of its leaves in the winter and keeps a very full appearance.

Viburnum obovatum's adaptability is one of its key attributes. It thrives in various soil types, including sandy, loamy, or clayey soils, and flourishes in well-drained conditions. This resilient shrub prefers full sun to partial shade but can tolerate some shade, making it suitable for a range of outdoor environments

In landscaping, Walter's Viburnum shines in several roles. Its dense growth and evergreen foliage make it an excellent choice for hedges, screens, or borders, providing both aesthetic and functional benefits. Moreover, its fragrant spring blossoms and berry production contribute to wildlife gardens, attracting birds and other wildlife species. With relatively low maintenance requirements and its capacity to adapt to different soil conditions, *Viburnum obovatum* is a favored addition to both residential and commercial landscapes in the southeastern United States, enriching outdoor spaces with its beauty and ecological significance.



Viburnum obovatum leaves



Viburnum obovatum flowers

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Viburnum obovatum in a landscape

Common Names:

Walter's Viburnum
Small-leaf Viburnum

Native Origin:

Florida

Environment:

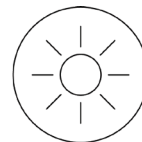
Soil: moist to wet
Salt: low
Exposure: full sun to
partial shade

Description:

Hardy Range: 7 - 10
Mature Height: 10 - 12'
Mature Spread: 6 - 10'
Growth Rate: medium
Form: rounded
Persistence: deciduous

Ornamental Characteristics:

Walter's viburnum showcases delicate white flowers arranged in compact clusters. Its small, ovate to spatulate leaves, about 1 inch in length, are oppositely arranged and possess a leathery, dark green appearance. The leaves may feature either smooth edges or slightly toothed margins. The fruit, a flat red drupe, transitions to a black hue as it matures.



Full Sun



High drought
tolerance



High wetness
tolerance



Pollinator
Friendly



Florida Native