

Viburnum dilatatum, Linden Viburnum

Viburnums are a popular landscaping feature and non-native viburnum species have been very popular in the past due to their resistance to bugs. In recent years the Viburnum Leaf Beetle has been found in the region and this pest mostly attacks our native species of Viburnums. Another name for this plant is Linden Arrowwood which can lead to some confusion between this plant and native Arrowwood Viburnum.

Population Status: Confirmed- Lower Hudson PRISM, LIISMA, CT to VA.

Description: Linden Viburnum, like most viburnums, has opposite leaves, and they are slightly pubescent on both sides. Its fruit matures into a red color and is about 1/3rd of an inch wide. The plant prefers slightly acidic soils, making it well suited to mountainous areas in our region. It can often grow in larger colony settings but occasionally single plants can escape cultivation. The leaves have a pubescence to them that can be felt as a differentiating factor to the look-alikes, though this can be confusing on seedlings.

Control: Small shrubs can be hand-pulled. Take care to differentiate these from Arrowwood Viburnum.

Look-alikes: Arrowwood Viburnum (native) is a very close look-alike to Linden Viburnum. Arrowwood is much more likely to have browsing damage on it, though this technique is not foolproof. Linden has the more circular leaves of the two as well as the fuzzy leaf.

Flower Time and Description: Flowers are a creamy white color and appear in the late spring.

