

*Viburnum plicatum*,

## Double-File Viburnum

Double-file viburnum is also known as Japanese Snowball. It is often found near ornamental populations and can be noted easily in the early fall as the leaves turn dark red.

**Population Status:** Confirmed- Lower Hudson PRISM, MA to IN, OR.

**Description:** Again, this viburnum species has opposite leaves. Like many ornamental viburnums, this species has a few ornamental cultivars. It can grow 8-15 feet tall and its leaves are strongly veined and toothed, occasionally with a notch at the tip. They are a lighter green in summer than linden and arrow-wood viburnums. The fruits of this plant come in small drupes that mature to black in August and are very attractive to birds which then spread the plant.

**Control:** Small seedlings can be pulled up.

**Look-alikes:** Native viburnums have weaker venation, and this species also has lighter colored leaves. The leaves are very circular compared to both non-native and native viburnum species.

**Flower Time and Description:** Its flowers grow in a double-ring formation with sterile, showy flowers growing around a central formation of small fertile flowers. These will usually bloom in May though there is a difference in bloom time depending on the cultivar in question.

