

Latin name	Viburnum setigerum		Common name	Tea Viburnum	
cultivar			Family	Adoxaceae/Caprifoliaceae	
Year introduced	1901 (Ernest Wilson)		Native range central and western China		
Developed by					
Patent #/ information					
parentage					
Location	Evasco Garden				
Source/date			Planting size	Planting date MAVC c. 2004	
Culture	a more shade tolerant species				
Sun/shade	full sun to part shade		Soil	Drainage	
Fertility	Moisture requirements				
Plant characteristics					
Height x Spread	8-12' × 6-8'		Form	upright, can be leggy	
Flower					
Color	white		Size 2"		
Flower Form	flat topped cyme		Bloom time	early-mid May	
Leaf color	blue-green to dark green above		fall color	reddish purple	
Leaf size	3-6" × 1.25-2.5"		Leaf texture	glabrous with silky hair beneath	
Leaf form	simple		Leaf shape	ovate-lanceolate; acuminate, rounded at base	
Fruit color	bright red, highly ornamental		Fruit type	drupe	
Fruit time	September-October		Fruit size	.3 - .5", egg-shaped	
Persistency	late fall		Fruit wildlife use		
Bark/stem color	gray				
Bark/stem texture	glabrous				
Twig					
Bud					
Maintenance					



Pruning	
Wildlife Use	
Native use	
Historical/cultural info	used by Chinese monks to make a medicinal tea
Folklore/Culture	
Insect Problems	none serious
Disease Problems	none serious
Landscape Uses	shrub border
Notes	<p>Michael Dirr: the fruit is “very effective, possibly the most handsome fruiter among the viburnums, always one of my favorites for fruit effect . . . I have seen branches so heavily laden with fruit that they literally arched and almost touched the ground.”</p> <p>Gary Ladman: “Known as the tea viburnum because the leaves were used by the monks on Mount Omei to make a sweet tea with medicinal properties. Introduced by Wilson in 1901. An upright vase shaped shrub growing 8-10' tall and 6-8' wide. Despite its impressive fruit display, the habit is somewhat open with minimal foliage on the bottom 1/3 of the plant. Best when planted where the lower portion of the plant can be masked by other plants. Foliage is soft blue-green to dark green, changing to muted red in the fall. White, slightly fragrant 2" flowers in May on short 2-leafed twigs. Young fruits are orange-yellow changing to red and becoming translucent after the first frosts.”</p> <p>fruit: Susan Ladman, Classic Viburnums  Images 3,4, 5 Emily Levine  fruit and leaves: <a href="http://www.rogerstreesandshrubs.com/gallery/DisplayBlock~bid~7329~gid~~source~gallerydefault.asp">http://www.rogerstreesandshrubs.com/gallery/DisplayBlock~bid~7329~gid~~source~gallerydefault.asp</a>  leaves and bud: Virginia I. Lohr, <a href="http://classes.hortla.wsu.edu/hort231/List02/VibSpp.html">http://classes.hortla.wsu.edu/hort231/List02/VibSpp.html</a></p>

