







Pruning

Wildlife Use

Native use

Historical/cultural info

fruits can be used for jams and jellies

Folklore/Culture

Species: "The bark of highbush cranberry yields a powerful antispasmodic (whence the origin of one its American common names, crampbark). The water soluble preparation (containing a bitter compound called viburnine) has been used for relief of menstrual and stomach cramps and asthma. The antispasmodic properties apparently were discovered independently by European, Native American, and Asian peoples. The action of this agent from highbush cranberry closely resembles that of black haw (Viburnum prunifolium)." -- USDA NRCS, http://plants.usda.gov/plantguide/pdf/cs\_viopa2.pdf

Insect Problems | none serious

Diesease Problems

none serious

Landscape Uses groupings, screens, shrub borders

Notes

Named for the farm of O.E. Wentworth near Lancaster, New Hampshire where the original plant was found.

From Classic Viburnums: "From a historical standpoint, in the early 1900's, A.E. Morgan undertook a study of V. trilobum in an effort to improve the species. Seed was collected from plants in the northern tier of states in the United States and from Canada. 3300 plants were assembled in a plantataion in the Berkshire Mountains. Massachusetts in 1915 for evaluation. In 1921 the study was taken over by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. In 1922 three of the best selections were released to the trade. They were named 'Andrews'. 'Hahs'. and 'Wentworth'. Unfortunately the plantation was abandoned 10 years later and destroyed by 1960 to make way for the Massachusetts Turnpike."

Preferred named: Viburnum opulus L. var. americanum Ait. Images 1, 2, 3, 6,7 Emily Levine



