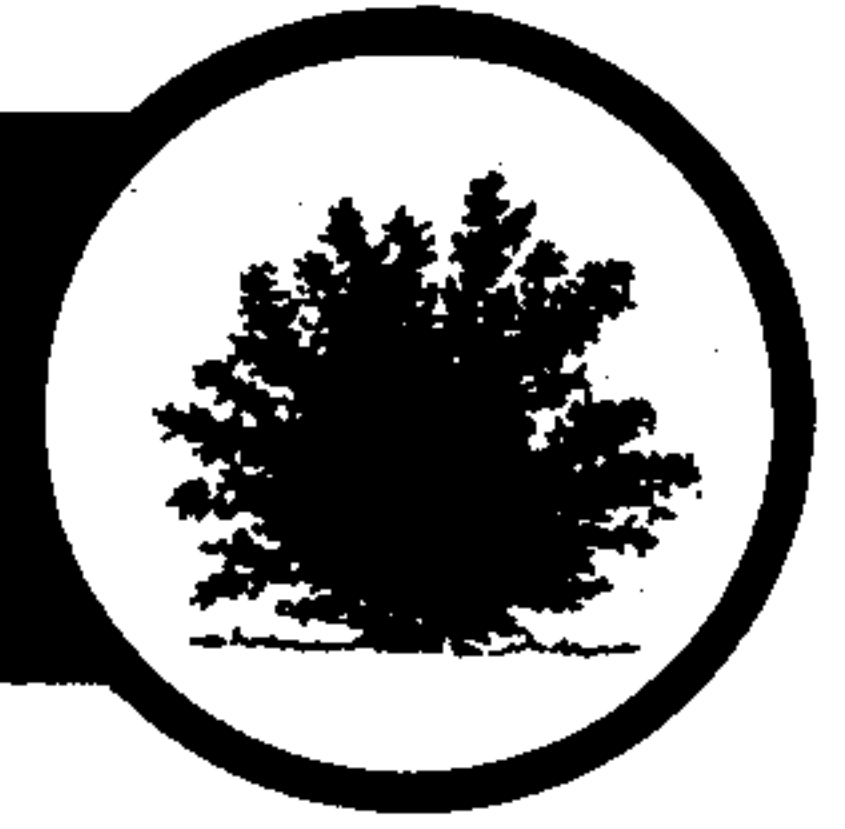


NANNYBERRY



(BLACKHAW) *Viburnum lentago*

IDENTIFYING CHARACTERISTICS:

- Branching:** Opposite.
- Leaves:** Simple, fine teeth; 2 to 5 inches long; sharp pointed tip; petiole grooved and with glands; glossy green turning red or reddish-purple in fall.
- Flowers:** Small; creamy white in flat-topped clusters, 3 to 4 inches across; appear in May.
- Fruit:** Small, oval berry (2/5 to 3/5 inch long); in loose, drooping clusters; contains a single flat seed; green turning bluish-black when ripe in September. Sweet date-like flavor after a frost.
- Twigs:** Slender; gray-brown, rough (granular); scaly buds; long brownish-gray lateral buds that hug the twig; long, slender flower buds are bulbous near base resembling a candle in holder; buds are best identifying characteristic.

GROWTH HABITS:

- Rate:** Rapid.
- Height:** 15 to 20 feet.
- Crown spread:** 6 to 10+ feet.
- Roots:** Shallow; fibrous; suckers freely.

RANGE: Native; hardy in all zones; see zone map for shrubs.

SHADE TOLERANCE: Moderately tolerant.

SOILS: Not particular but prefers moist moderately coarse sandy or gravelly loams to moderately fine loamy clays.

SUSCEPTIBILITY:

- Insects:** Plant bug; tree hopper; bean aphid.
- Diseases:** *Septoria* leaf spot; *Ramularia* leaf spot; *Cercospora* leaf spot.

USES:

Shelterbelts: Not recommended for farmstead shelterbelts because of root suckering habit.

Wildlife: Very good to excellent; birds—nesting, perching, some feeding and escape cover; mammals—some feeding and escape cover.

Horticultural: Used for shrub borders and foundation plantings.