



U.S. National Arboretum Plant Introduction

Viburnum 'Chippewa' and 'Huron'

The U.S. National Arboretum presents 'Chippewa' and 'Huron', two impressive viburnum cultivars that were made for each other! Plant smart! Plant this compatible pair together for a uniform effect and guaranteed masses of sparkling, glossy red fruit just as autumn arrives. 'Chippewa' and 'Huron' continue to shine as the aging autumn season paints the heavy dark green foliage with rich hues of red, red-purple and maroon.



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'Chippewa' and 'Huron' Viburnum

Botanical Name:	<i>Viburnum japonicum</i> (Thunb.) Spreng. x <i>dilatatum</i> Thunb. 'Catskill' 'Chippewa' (NA 54986; PI 499833) <i>Viburnum lobophyllum</i> Graebn. x <i>japonicum</i> (Thunb.) Spreng. 'Huron' (NA 54985; PI 499832)
Family:	Adoxaceae
Hardiness:	U.S.D.A. Zones 6-8
Development:	In 1968, the evergreen species <i>Viburnum japonicum</i> was crossed with the deciduous, red-fruited species <i>V. lobophyllum</i> or <i>V. dilatatum</i> 'Catskill'. Young hybrids of both crosses were semi-evergreen, possessed the heavy-textured foliage of <i>V. japonicum</i> , but also displayed brilliant autumn fall color. Seedlings fruited at 3 years and at 5 years exhibited spectacular displays of glossy red fruit. 'Chippewa' and 'Huron' were selected in 1973 and named and released in 1986 by Dr. Donald Egolf.
Significance:	'Chippewa' and 'Huron' are the first semi-evergreen viburnum cultivars introduced by the U.S. National Arboretum that combine the abundant red fruit of deciduous species with the dark green, heavy-textured foliage of the evergreen <i>V. japonicum</i> . Strikingly similar in general appearance, they can be interplanted in the landscape to insure a heavy fruiting display.
Description:	Height and width: 8 feet tall and 9 feet wide. Habit: Semi-evergreen to deciduous, dense-branched, multi-stemmed large shrubs. Foliage: 'Chippewa': Glossy, dark green, heavy-textured, obovate, semi-evergreen leaves turn dark maroon to bright red in late autumn. 'Huron': Dull, dark green, heavy textured, elliptic, semi-evergreen leaves turn rich red-purple in late autumn. Flowers: Abundant cymes, each containing 250-400 small cream-white florets in early May. Fruit: A drupe. Ovoid to oblong fruits ripen in August to a glossy dark red and persist until early winter. Fruit set improves dramatically by interplanting both cultivars.
Culture:	Easy to grow and adaptable to diverse soil and climatic conditions. Grow best in a heavy loam with adequate moisture in full sun or partial shade.
Propagation:	Root easily from softwood to semi-hardwood cuttings under mist, 1000-3000 ppm IBA in 4-6 weeks.
Landscape Use:	'Chippewa' and 'Huron' are cultivars with similar growth habits. Interplanting of the two cultivars ensures heavy fruit set while retaining a uniform appearance. Extremely suitable for large commercial landscapes, highways, and parks. Use as specimens, as massed plants in shrub borders, or as large informal hedges.
Availability:	Available from wholesale nurseries.