

Walter's Viburnum 'Whorled Class'

Viburnum obovatum 'Whorled Class'

Plant Description:

Walter's Viburnum is a Florida native evergreen shrub or small tree that can grow to a height of 25 feet. However, there are many cultivars available in the nursery trade with various forms such as upright, weeping, and dwarf. 'Whorled Class' is a rounded, compact cultivar perfect for use as a small hedge, foundation planting, or accent plant around trees. Small white clusters of flowers bloom most heavily in spring, but the whorled leaf arrangement is what gives this cultivar its name, having 3 leaves growing per node along the stems.

Mature Size: 5 feet tall and wide

Growth Rate: Moderate

Plant Habit: Rounded

Ornamental Characteristics & Uses:

Foliage Color: Medium Green

Flower Color: White

Bloom Time: Spring

Attracts Wildlife: Fruit attracts birds

Uses: Foundation Planting, Hedges, Accent, Topiary



Growing Requirements:

Cold Hardiness Zone(s): 7 – 11

Exposure: Full Sun – Partial Shade

Water Needs: Low

Soil Tolerances: Drought Tolerant Once Established; Tolerates Occasionally Wet Soils; Tolerates Sand or Clay Soils

Soil pH: Acidic to Alkaline

Maintenance: Easy/Low



General Care & Growing Tips:

Water plants regularly during establishment. Like most plants, a 2- to 3-inch layer of organic mulch is beneficial to retain soil moisture. Heavily shaded plants tend to grow less compact with sparse flowering. Apply a balanced, slow-release fertilizer 4 to 6 weeks after planting. Prune to shape after flowering.

Common Pests:

No pests or diseases are of major concern. Watch for aphids on new growth.

Reference: Gilman, E. F., (1999). *Viburnum obovatum* Walter Viburnum, Blackhaw. University of Florida. <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/fp604>

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