Unlike other viburnum species, Arrowwood is deciduous and grows only as a shrub. It reaches 12 feet tall at its highest, making it a good choice for small spaces. It is typically found along riverbanks, fertile lands, and swamp borders. It produces white flowers, but the fruits are a more vibrant blue. Its long, straight stems were once used by Native Americans to make arrows, hence the common name. Root suckers are small branches that emerge from the roots near the base of a plant. If the suckers are not regularly managed some species of viburnum will form a thicket. To avoid a thicket of viburnum, remove the root suckers yearly.

**Type:** deciduous shrub

**USDA hardiness zones:** 8A through 9B

**Uses:** specimen; screen; hedge; border; mass planting

**Origin:** native to Florida

**Height:** 6 to 10 feet  
**Spread:** 6 to 8 feet

**Plant spacing:** 6 to 8 feet

**Light requirement:** full sun to full shade

**Soil tolerances:** well drained; acidic; sand; loam; clay

**Drought tolerance:** good

**Soil salt tolerances:** none

**Invasive potential:** not considered aggressive

**Pest resistance:** some pest issues, but attacks are not usually serious

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