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# Highbush Cranberry

## *(Viburnum trilobum)*

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#### Type

Deciduous shrub

#### Size and Shape

This shrub can grow 13 feet in height and spread 9 feet.

#### Edible Species?

Yes

#### Wildlife

While the berries are not a favourite of many birds, they are a very important survival food as the winter progresses. Ruffed grouse, cedar waxwings, thrushes, robins, cardinals and grosbeaks are among the birds that feed on its fruit. Mammals such as deer, moose, red squirrels and beaver may feed on the various parts of the shrub

#### Soil Preference

The High bush cranberry can be found in wet areas such as in thickets along shorelines, swamps and forest edges. In a garden setting it can tolerate a variety of soils, although moist well-drained soil is best.

#### Other Notes

Highbush cranberries are not actually cranberries, they are part of the Viburnum family, or the honey suckle family.



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#### Light Exposure

While it prefers full sun, it can also handle partial shade.

#### Drought Conditions

Not drought tolerant

#### Poor Drainage

Moderately tolerant

#### Salt Tolerance

Not tolerant

#### Disease, Pests and Problems

Reported to have very few predators.

#### Rural Uses

In addition to food, the bushes also provide birds with shelter from the elements and hiding places from predators..

#### Urban Uses

With arching stems and a very dense, rounded form, making it a popular landscaping choice for use as a screening hedge.