

Arrowwood (*Viburnum dentatum*)

This native, flowering shrub is noteworthy because of its colorful fall foliage as well as its clusters of white flowers in the late spring/early summer. It is versatile, growing 6' to 15' tall and thrives in full sun or partial shade. Several plants grow wild on the common ground edge of my back yard along with strawberry bush (*Euonymus americana*) and mapleleaf viburnum (*Viburnum acerifolium*). Though not a "preferred" whitetail deer browse like strawberry bush, deer do eat it readily after the more palatable strawberry bush and mapleleaf viburnum.

Many birds eat the fruit and some low-nesting birds use it for shelter and nesting.

It attracts the Red Admiral, Eastern Comma, and Question Mark butterflies and its foliage is food for the Azure butterfly and Hummingbird moth larva.

Native Americans used it for making arrows, hence its name, arrowwood (with two w's).



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