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American Cranberry (*Viburnum opulus*)

Distribution

Native High Bush Cranberry has a wide distribution across North America.

Growth Habit

Part of the honeysuckle family (*Caprifoliaceae*) they are an upright growing shrub that can reach up to 12 feet in height with a spread of 8 feet. They are deciduous with pale white flowers transforming into lush edible red berries. The berries tend to hang on the branches well into the winter providing late food to wildlife when other resources are diminished. This hardy shrub has a growth rate of up to 3 feet per year.

Adaptability

This species can be found in riparian zones to deep wooded sites. It can be frost tolerant and prefers moist well drained soils but can withstand small bouts of drought. Established plants produce more berries in full sun but tolerate shaded areas as well.

Comments

- With its fast growth rate, bright red berries and adaptability, high bush cranberry is an appealing shrub for both landscaping and restoration.
- It provides bank stability and wildlife food source.
- It produces a thick hedge that can be a favorable windbreak or screen for any homeowner.

