

# Viburnum 'Emerald Triumph'

**This shrub withstands subzero and looks brilliant in spring**

**H**ardiness, looks and disease resistance make "Emerald Triumph" a true winner among viburnum. Because it's so easy to grow, adding it to your inventory is a no-brainer.

"Emerald Triumph" was introduced by the University of Minnesota in 1994. It's a cross between *V. burejaeticum* and *V. x "Alleghany"*, a cross between *V. lantana* and *V. rhytidophyllum*.

## Hardy praise

"Emerald Triumph" is reliably hardy in USDA Hardiness Zones 4-7, although it's survived in Zone 3, said George P. Krauth, owner of Viburnums by George, in Estill Springs, Tennessee.

"It withstands minus 30°F, so it's pushing a true Zone 3, he said. "It has survived at minus 38°F with no dieback whatsoever."



*Viburnum "Emerald Triumph" has showy, white flowers in early summer.*



*"Emerald Triumph" is a compact-growing shrub with glossy, dark-green foliage.*

It's an extremely durable shrub that also holds up well to drought, he said.

There are no diseases associated with this variety. But George noticed a little necrosis on the foliage of "Emerald Triumph" last year, which he suspects was from ozone pollution.

"I've never seen any bugs on these plants," he said. Krauth expects this variety to be somewhat resistant to viburnum leaf beetle, although that claim has not been backed up by scientific verification.

"The beetle doesn't like woolly leaves, so I think "Emerald Triumph" is more resistant to the pest than other smooth-foliage viburnum like *V. cassinoides* or *V. trilobum*.

## Looks for all seasons

"Emerald Triumph" is a deciduous shrub that grows 6 feet wide and 8 feet high. It features dark-green, glossy foliage and white flowers in late spring. Fruit turns bright red in August and changes to black by mid-autumn, according to Mark Widrlechner, horticulturist at the USDA's North Central Regional Plant introduction Station in Ames, Iowa. In Minnesota, the fall color often does not develop completely before a hard freeze, but in the South, the foliage turns bronze to dark red.

The foliage is dense, so "Emerald Triumph" can be used as a screen hedge. It grows best in full sun to part shade and in well-drained soil.

## Prolific propagation

It's propagated by cuttings. It's best to propagate it in June-July because it has a bigger propagation window compared to other viburnums. Cuttings are stuck in 3-inch pots and they really take off. "It gets a massive root system, and we have no problems growing it. It's one of the easiest viburnums to grow.

"It's growing in popularity," and it's such an easy, basic plant and so rock hardy, says Krauth. A true diamond in the rough, and we have about 1500 3-4's,

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## specifics

**Name:** Viburnum x 'Emerald Triumph'

**Description:** Dark-green, glossy foliage, topped with white flowers and red fruit. Foliage turns bronze in fall in some parts of the country.

**Hardiness:** USDA Hardiness Zones 4-7, possible 3-8.

**Propagation:** Softwood cuttings.