

CENTRAL JERSEY INVASIVE SPECIES STRIKE TEAM

Invasive Plant Fact Sheet

Siebold's viburnum (*Viburnum sieboldii*)



Family: Muskroot (*Adoxaceae*)

Native range: Japan

General: Deciduous large shrub to small tree of 15 to 20 feet tall and 10 to 15 feet wide.

Leaves: Opposite, coarsely toothed, elongated and oval shaped, 2 to 5 inches long. Deeply veined. Leaf veins and leaf stems are covered in downy hairs. Crushed leaves may emit foul odor.

Flowers: Small, off-white, 5 petalled flowers borne on flat-topped clusters of 3 to 6 inches across, appearing in late May.

Fruit: Oval, single-seeded fruits borne in clusters with bright red stems. Appearing August to September. Maturing from red to black.

Look-alikes: None.

Habitat: Forest, open forest, forest edge, hedgerow, garden

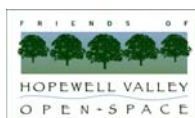
Threats to native habitats: Siebold's viburnum can form thickets that displace native plants and prevent growth of native trees, shrubs, and herbs. It is shade tolerant and can overtop native understory trees and shrubs.

NJ Status: Siebold's viburnum is uncommon but spreading rapidly. It is *highly threatening* to natural plant communities. All detected occurrences should be eradicated.

Commercial Availability: Siebold's viburnum is widely planted for landscaping.



Sources: <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/Forestry/invasivetutorial/viburnum.htm>
<http://hdl.handle.net/1813/1140>



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