

## *Viburnum opulus*

Guelder-rose



*Viburnum opulus multistem* 1.5-2.0m

Native to Europe, Northern Africa and Northern Asia, *Viburnum opulus* is a shrub growing to around 4.0-6.0 metres.

Commonly known as the Guelder-rose, it has distinctive clusters of showy, white flowers that appear in late spring to early summer. These flat-topped clusters, similar to those of a Hydrangea, are loved by pollinators and add elegance to a garden. Following this, the plant produces vibrant red berries that transition to shades of crimson as they mature.

The deciduous foliage is made of fresh green leaves, shaped similarly to those of an Acer. With deep lobes and serrated edge, they are most beautiful in autumn time when they turn vibrant shades of reds and purples.

Preferring moist, well drained soil, *Viburnum opulus* will thrive in various soil types. Pruning can help maintain its ornamental shape and encourages healthy growth.

### Plant Profile

**Name:** *Viburnum opulus*

**Common Name:** Guelder-rose

**Family:** Adoxaceae

**Height:** 4.0-6.0m

**Width:** 3.0-4.0m

**Demands:** partial shade

**Soil:** Moist but well-drained

**Foliage:** Maple-like lobed leaves first emerge green, turning pinky red in autumn

**Flowers:** clusters of white flowers emerge in spring followed by red berries



*Viburnum opulus* berries





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*Viburnum opulus* is a great shrub for wildlife and animals.

With no reported toxic effects, its great for gardens and also loved by wildlife. The flowers attract pollinators such as bees and butterflies and the berries provide food for birds and caterpillars.



*Flat clusters of white flowers bloom in spring and are loved by pollinators.*



*Viburnum opulus multistem in Autumn. Leaves slowly turn shades of reds and purples.*



*Berries darken as they mature.*