



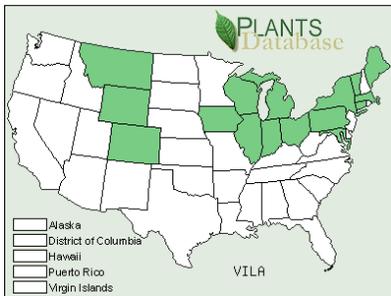
# Wayfaring-tree *Viburnum lantana*

**Native Origin:** Europe and western Asia

**Description:** A deciduous multi-stemmed shrub in the honeysuckle family (Caprifoliaceae) reaching 10 to 15 feet in height and having a somewhat rounded shape. Leathery leaves (2 to 5 inches long) are opposite, simple, ovate with cordate or rounded bases and uniform serrations. The dark green to gray-green leaves turn a purplish-red color fall. Buds are naked, gray, and fuzzy. Small white flowers with yellow stamens, form flat-topped clusters (3 to 5 inches across), and bloom in mid-May. Flowers can have an unpleasant fishy odor. Berries are held in flat clusters with colors that change from green to red to blue-black in late summer to early autumn and are eaten by birds. It reproduces vegetatively or by seeds. Roots are fibrous.



**Habitat:** Wayfaring-tree grows in full sun to partial shade with fertile, well-drained, loamy soils. It can tolerate calcareous (containing calcium or lime) and dry soils. It is urban tolerant and often planted for hedges, borders, or as a deciduous screen shrub. It can also be found in moist forest habitats.



**Distribution:** This species is reported from states shaded on Plants Database map. It is reported invasive in IL, PA, and WI.

**Ecological Impacts:** It has a vigorous growth that over reaches intentional planting space and crowds out native species. Basal suckers grow beneath other species and quickly outgrow the area.

### Control and Management:



- **Manual-** Girdle - remove bark and phloem layer from 10 cm band around trunk; cut stems with shears, chain saw and apply herbicides
- **Chemical-** It can be effectively controlled using any of several readily available general use herbicides such as glyphosate or triclopyr. Monitor and retreat re-growth or suckers. Follow label and state requirements.

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