

Viburnum sieboldii, Siebold's Viburnum

This is a very easily identifiable plant once you get a nose for how it smells. While the flowers have a lemon scent, some have compared the smell of the leaves to bacon but in my opinion it smells more like burnt rubber. It is also larger when mature than other viburnum species and can grow up to 20 feet tall.

Population Status: Confirmed- Lower Hudson PRISM, LIISMA, MA to IL.

Description: Fruit of this plant goes through a maturation color change from pink to red to black and grow on red stems. The opposite leaves are simple with some tooting on the edges and have an elliptic shape. Typically this plant does not change color in the fall. The bark is gray and blocky in plates that shows some resemblance to alligator skin.

Control: Small seedlings can be pulled up.

Look-alikes: This species can look like other viburnum species, though the leaves are larger and more oval. The number one distinction is the smell that it gives off, which you don't even need to crush the leaf to get.

Flower Time and Description: Its flowers are white and showy, much like other ornamental viburnums, blooming in the mid to late spring.

