

Viburnum opulus var. *americanum* (*Viburnum trilobum*) — American cranberrybush



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Commonly called American cranberrybush because of its cranberry-like clusters of bright red drupes, *Viburnum opulus* var. *americanum* is a North American native shrub with three seasons of interest. Many white, lacecap flower clusters cover the plant in spring; dark green, maple-like leaves provide interest in the summer; and the bright red berry-like drupes ripen in late summer. Berries persist into fall and the leaves develop shades of burgundy. Unfortunately, American cranberrybush is highly susceptible to Viburnum leaf beetle, with plants in the shade experiencing the most damage.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>SEPTEMBER</p> <p>SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5</p> <p>6 7 8 9 10 11 12</p> <p>13 14 15 16 17 18 19</p> <p>20 21 22 23 24 25 26</p> <p>27 28 29 30</p>	<p>NOVEMBER</p> <p>SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7</p> <p>8 9 10 11 12 13 14</p> <p>15 16 17 18 19 20 21</p> <p>22 23 24 25 26 27 28</p> <p>29 30</p>			<p>1 Sunrise 6:45 Sunset 6:28</p> <p>☉ Full Moon</p> <p>Oriental bittersweet is dioecious: male and female flowers are on separate plants.</p>	<p>2 Sunrise 6:46 Sunset 6:26</p> <p>Do not use the stems and berries of invasive Oriental bittersweet for wreaths.</p>	<p>3 Sunrise 6:47 Sunset 6:24</p> <p>During fall clean-up, leave messy refuge areas for overwintering pollinators and...</p>
<p>4 Sunrise 6:48 Sunset 6:23</p> <p>...beneficials. But note that refuge areas can also help overwintering pest insects.</p>	<p>5 Sunrise 6:49 Sunset 6:21</p> <p>Mousetraps baited with apple slices can be used to capture meadow voles.</p>	<p>6 Sunrise 6:50 Sunset 6:19</p> <p>Harvest pumpkins when they are completely orange.</p>	<p>7 Sunrise 6:51 Sunset 6:18</p> <p>Fresh dill will keep in the freezer for 6 months.</p>	<p>8 Sunrise 6:53 Sunset 6:16</p> <p>Winter rye can handle temperatures as low as -30 °F.</p>	<p>9 Sunrise 6:54 Sunset 6:14</p> <p>☾ Last Quarter Moon</p> <p>Regularly prune suckers from crabapples and apples as they develop.</p>	<p>10 Sunrise 6:55 Sunset 6:13</p> <p>Divide spring blooming perennials such as astilbe and iris in fall.</p>
<p>11 Sunrise 6:56 Sunset 6:11</p> <p>Construct paths wide enough for the garden cart.</p>	<p>12 Sunrise 6:57 Sunset 6:09</p> <p>Columbus Day</p> <p>Lime can be applied to lawns any time that the soil is not frozen.</p>	<p>13 Sunrise 6:58 Sunset 6:08</p> <p>Get a soil test with a pH measurement to determine how much lime to apply.</p>	<p>14 Sunrise 6:59 Sunset 6:06</p> <p>Correcting soil pH in the lawn can discourage some weed species.</p>	<p>15 Sunrise 7:01 Sunset 6:05</p> <p>A woolly bear's color depends on how long it's been feeding, its age, and species.</p>	<p>16 Sunrise 7:02 Sunset 6:03</p> <p>Plant peonies with "eyes" no deeper than 1 to 2 inches.</p>	<p>17 Sunrise 7:03 Sunset 6:01</p> <p>Tree leaves breakdown into rich compost mainly free from weed seeds.</p>
<p>18 Sunrise 7:04 Sunset 6:00</p> <p>☾ New Moon</p> <p>Clean and store the hummingbird feeder.</p>	<p>19 Sunrise 7:05 Sunset 5:58</p> <p>Apply a layer of well-rotted manure over rhubarb beds.</p>	<p>20 Sunrise 7:06 Sunset 5:57</p> <p>Start new amaryllis bulbs for holiday blooms.</p>	<p>21 Sunrise 7:08 Sunset 5:55</p> <p>Time to plant the garlic; plant the biggest and healthiest cloves.</p>	<p>22 Sunrise 7:09 Sunset 5:54</p> <p>Avoid pruning evergreen shrubs as any new growth may not harden off by winter.</p>	<p>23 Sunrise 7:10 Sunset 5:52</p> <p>☽ First Quarter Moon</p> <p>Dig and store dahlias, gladioli, cannas, and other tender "bulbs."</p>	<p>24 Sunrise 7:11 Sunset 5:51</p> <p>Protect trees from grade changes resulting from yard construction projects.</p>
<p>25 Sunrise 7:12 Sunset 5:49</p> <p>Use chicken wire to protect newly planted spring bulbs from rodents.</p>	<p>26 Sunrise 7:14 Sunset 5:48</p> <p>Inventory leftover seed, fertilizer, and pesticides prior to winter storage.</p>	<p>27 Sunrise 7:15 Sunset 5:47</p> <p>Cut down and discard fernlike asparagus shoots after a killing frost.</p>	<p>28 Sunrise 7:16 Sunset 5:45</p> <p>Store firewood outdoors, away from exterior walls of the house.</p>	<p>29 Sunrise 7:17 Sunset 5:44</p> <p>Lichens break down rock into soil.</p>	<p>30 Sunrise 7:19 Sunset 5:43</p> <p>Sink a trash can into the ground for a mini root cellar.</p>	<p>31 Sunrise 7:20 Sunset 5:41</p> <p>☉ Full Moon</p> <p>Halloween</p> <p>Jack O' Lanterns were originally carved from turnips and potatoes by the Irish.</p>