

VIBURNUM MOLLE Michx.  
Soft-leaved Arrow-wood

FAMILY: Caprifoliaceae

HABIT: Erect shrub to 4 m. tall; flowering May, June; fruiting June-August.

SIMILAR SPECIES: Similar to species in the *Viburnum dentatum* complex. *V. molle* is recognized by its ovate to nearly orbicular leaves, densely soft-pubescent beneath, with minutely red-glandular petioles and filiform stipules. The leaf venation of *V. molle* is nearly palmate, while the leaf venation of the *V. dentatum* complex is definitely pinnate.

TOTAL RANGE: E. PA, s. OH, and IN to IA, s. to KY and AR.

STATE RANGE: There are post-1980 records from Butler, Montgomery and Preble counties. There are pre-1980 records from Highland County.

HABITAT: Dry, rocky woods in calcareous soil. In Ohio, on wooded floodplains.

HAZARDS: Unknown; possibly opening of forest canopy by logging.

RECOVERY POTENTIAL: Unknown; presumed poor in Ohio.

INVENTORY GUIDELINES: Collect mature flowering or fruiting branchlets.

COMMENTS: This species may be easily overlooked and/or misidentified. Thus, it may be more frequent than the records indicate. It should be sought throughout southwestern Ohio.

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