

**Jetbead (*Rhodotypos scandens*)**

**Family name:** Rose (*Rosaceae*)

**Native range:** Japan

**NJ Status:** Emerging Stage 2 - Uncommon (may be regionally abundant). It is *highly threatening* to natural communities. All detected occurrences should be eradicated.

**General description:**

- Deciduous shrub
- Clumping, multi-stemmed form
- Grows to a height of 6' and width of 7'

**Leaves:**

- Opposite and simple, 2.5"-4" long
- Bright green
- Doubly toothed, with a rough appearance
- Ribbed veins with a long pointed tip
- Persist into fall- obvious lime green color



**Flowers:**

- Terminal clusters
- White, large four-petaled flowers
- 4 large toothed sepals
- Blooms April-early June



**Fruit:**

- Cluster of four black bead-like fruits
- Single-seeded fruits
- Immature fruits are dark, reddish orange
- Appearing mid-summer; ripening September-December



Young fruit



Mature fruit

**Habitat:**

- Meadows, roadsides, forest, edges, landscape
- Prefers full sun but can grow in full shade.
- Tolerates a wide range of soils and conditions, including salt and pollution

**Commercial Availability:** Yes

**Look-alikes:**  
**Linden viburnum**  
(*Viburnum dilatatum*)

- Invasive shrub/ small tree
- Shallowly toothed leaves
- Fuzzy leaves & stems
- Bright red berries
- See NJISST fact sheet for more on this plant



Linden viburnum

**Arrowwood** (*Viburnum dentatum*)

- Native woodland shrub
- Leaves more deeply toothed
- Round, dark blue fruits- occurring in clusters



Arrowwood