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*Viburnum plicatum*

[Synonyms : *Viburnum plicatum* f.. *plicatum*, *Viburnum plicatum* var. *tomentosum*, *Viburnum semperflorens*, *Viburnum tomentosum*, *Viburnum tomentosum* var. *plicatum*]

**CHINESE SNOWBALL TREE** is a deciduous shrub. Native to China and Japan it has small long-lasting, white flowers and leaves that turn red in Autumn.

It is also known as Doublefile viburnum, *Filziger Schneeball* (German), Japanese snowball, Japanese viburnum, *Kalina řasnatá* (Czech), and Viburnum.

*Plicatum* is derived from Latin *plico* (to fold, fold together) meaning ‘folded or pleated’ with reference to the leaves.

Chinese snowball tree was introduced to Britain in 1844 by Robert Fortune (1813-1880). It had long been in cultivation in China by the time the Scottish horticulturist made his extensive Eastern trip during which he collected plants on behalf of the Horticultural Society of London.