

Common Name: Douglas Spirea
Scientific Name: *Spiraea douglasii*

Sun Exposure: Full sun to part shade (not well suited for dense shade)

Average Size: 5-8 feet tall with approximately equal spread

Moisture: Prefers moist to wet conditions

Elevation: Low to mid elevations

Soils: Adapts to a wide range of conditions, from marshes to upland moist areas

Shape: Upright growth habit, rhizomatous (spread by underground runners)

Foliage: Alternate, deciduous, oblong to oval, 2-6 inches long, dark green above and grey-wooly beneath

Flower: Pink to deep rose, tiny (about 1/4 inch across), numerous in a long, narrow, compact terminal cluster, several times longer than wide.

Fruit: Cluster of several small, toothed, pod-like follicles, remain in the shrub after the leaves have fallen.

Notes:

- Common riparian (streamside) species.
- Also known as “Hardhack”

