

Common Name: Pacific Ninebark

Scientific Name: *Physocarpus capitatus*

Sun Exposure: Full sun to part shade

Average Size: Up to 15 feet tall and an equally large spread

Moisture: Prefers moist soils

Elevation: Low to middle elevations

Soils: Prefers well-drained soils

Shape: Erect, spreading , arching angled branches eventually brown with shredding bark.

Foliage: Alternate deciduous, 3-6 cm long, lobed leaves

Flower: White, small (about 4 mm long) 5 petals, several in terminal rounded clusters

Fruit: Reddish bunches about 1 cm long with yellowish tiny seeds inside.

Notes:

- The bark was used by native Americans for a laxative.
- Occasionally found on drier, shrubby sites, but most commonly found in riparian areas.
- Has excellent soil binding abilities
- Peeling bark gives it its name

