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Mock Orange (*Philadelphus lewisii*)

Distribution

Mock Orange also known by some as Syringa can be found throughout the state at low to middle elevations.

Growth Habit

Mock Orange grows 6 to 12 feet tall, with an erect, loosely branched habit. The abundance of white, sweetly-scented flowers makes this shrub quite noticeable in May and June.

Adaptability

Mock Orange grows in a variety of different habitats at lower to middle elevations throughout Washington. It can be found as a riparian species growing along gullies and streams. It also grows in open or forested bottomlands, and in a variety of upland sites including talus slopes and rocky cliffs. It is often found in coastal forests, sagebrush, bunchgrass, and Ponderosa Pine ecosystems.

Comments

- Mock Orange is an excellent soil and streambank stabilizer, and an important wildlife species.
- Mock Orange from west of the Cascades tends to grow taller (up to 15 feet) than those growing east of the Cascades (approximately 6 feet).
- The flowers on Westside Mock Orange are more fragrant than eastside plants.

