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Pacific Ninebark (*Physocarpus capitatus*)

Distribution

Pacific Ninebark is found at low to mid elevations throughout western North America from southern Alaska, east to Montana and Utah and south through the Pacific Northwest to California.

Growth Habit

Pacific Ninebark is a large, deciduous, erect and spreading shrub that can grow to 15 feet tall, and spread up to 15 feet wide. Unique shredding reddish brown bark lines the branches and white “snow-ball” like flower clusters decorate the large shrub in late spring.

Adaptability

Pacific Ninebark prefers moist soils. It is often found growing along streams, lakes, bogs, and other moist sites.

Comments

- Pacific Ninebark has long been used as a restoration species.
- It’s dense, matting root system make it useful in stream-side stabilization.
- It provides forage and habitat for many species of birds and animals.
- It also has ornamental value. Its long, arching branches are covered with clusters of small, white flowers in late spring.
- The peeling layers of cinnamon bark provide attractive winter interest.

