

Common Ninebark

Physocarpus opulifolius



Mature



Flower

General Attributes

Type	Deciduous Shrub
Height	8 - 10 Feet
Spread	8 - 10 Feet
Form	Upright
Utility Lines	Compatible
Growth Rate	Fast
Life Expectancy	Short
USDA Zone	2 - 7
Root Pattern	

Flowers/Foliage/Fruits

Flower Color	White
Flower Season	Spring
Fruit	Capsule
Fruit Color	Dark Brown
Fruit Season	Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter
Summer Texture	Coarse
Winter Texture	Coarse
Spring Foliage	Green
Summer Foliage	Green
Fall Foliage	Yellow
Winter Foliage	Not Applicable

Plant Community

Sun	Full Sun
Orientation	North, South, East, West
Soil Texture	Sandy Loam to Clay
Topography	Upland, Lowland (Flood Prone), Lowland (Stable Water), Wetland
Plant Community	Forest, Bog, Dune, Open Cliff, Marsh, Shaded Cliff
Succession	
Origin	MSA Zone 1, MSA Zone 2, MSA Zone 3, Minnesota, North America

Soils

Salt Spray Tolerance	Moderate
Soil Salt Tolerance	Moderate
Compaction Tolerance	Tolerant
Water Table	6 Inches
Drainage	Poor, Excessive, Moderate
Flood Tolerance	
Drought Tolerance	Tolerant
Moisture Regime	Moist, Wet
pH	6.0 through 8.5
Windbreak Group	

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Planting Ease

Spring Bareroot	Difficult
Fall Bareroot	
Spring Container	Easy
Fall Container	Easy
Spring Seed	
Fall Seed	

Maintenance

Formal	Low
Informal	Low
2,4-D Tolerance	Sensitive
Dicamba Tolerance	Sensitive
Picloram Tolerance	Sensitive
Clopyralid Tolerance	
Artificial Light	
Sulfur Dioxide	
Ozone Tolerance	
Hydrogen Flouride	
Nitrogen Oxide	

Pests/Problems

Allergens	males 4, females 4
Invasiveness	Non-Invasive
Toxicity	
Cold Injury	Not Susceptible
Storm Damage	Not Susceptible
Biological Control	
Mechanical Control	
Chemical Control	

Miscellaneous

Wildlife Rating	Low
Insect Concerns	Minor
Disease Concern	Minor
Wildlife Concerns	

Comments

Bark on older stems exfoliates into papery strips exposing a rich brown inner bark. Renew plant by cutting stems to the ground in late winter.



Fruit