



## 2021 Native Woody of the Year

# *Physocarpus opulifolius* Common ninebark

Dense, fast-growing deciduous shrub with arching branches. Striking white to pink spiraea-like blooms in May–June. Exfoliating bark adds winter interest. Use as hedge for screening. Many cultivars of varied leaf colors available. Withstands tough sites. Of special value to native bees.

- Hardiness:** Zones 2–8  
**Light:** Sun to part shade  
**Soil:** Moist to dry  
**Size:** 4–8' tall  
**Foliage:** Shallow lobed; cultivars offer varied colors  
**Flowers:** 5-petaled in showy round clusters of white to pink  
**Fruit:** Reddish dried seed clusters  
**Bloom Time:** May to June  
**Wildlife Value:** Nectar attracts bees and butterflies; seeds attract birds.



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