



# Ninebark, Summer Wine Black Physocarpus opulifolius 'SMNPMS'

Height: 8 feet Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: O 0

Hardiness Zone: 2b

Other Names: Eastern Ninebark

## **Description:**

This stunning garden shrub has the darkest, most dramatic foliage, and a very versatile habit; foliage emerges a deep wine-red and matures to near black, highly contrasting the showy white flowers in spring; also has curious peeling bark

#### **Ornamental Features**

Ninebark, Summer Wine Black features showy clusters of white flowers at the ends of the branches in late spring, which emerge from distinctive pink flower buds. It has attractive deep purple foliage with hints of black which emerges crimson in spring. The serrated lobed leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding red in the fall. It features abundant showy red capsules from early to mid fall. The peeling tan bark and dark red branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.



Ninebark, Summer Wine Black foliage Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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### **Landscape Attributes**

Ninebark, Summer Wine Black is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and can be pruned at anytime. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Ninebark, Summer Wine Black is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use



## **Planting & Growing**

Ninebark, Summer Wine Black will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selection of a native North American species.

**Special Attributes** 

These Ninebark can be grown as a small tree or a shrub