Ninebark, Spicy Devil

Physocarpus opulifolius 'ZLENATALIE'



Ninebark, Spicy Devil foliage
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Height: 4 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Other Names: Eastern Ninebark

Description:

A spectacular, compact selection, with showy leaves that put on a colorful display, emerging orange-yellow and maturing to purple-red; beautiful white-pink blooms in spring; interesting peeling papery bark adds winter interest; extremely tough and durable

Ornamental Features

Ninebark, Spicy Devil features showy clusters of white flowers with shell pink overtones at the ends of the branches from late spring to early summer. It has attractive burgundy deciduous foliage which emerges orange in spring. The serrated lobed leaves are highly ornamental and turn outstanding shades of dark red and deep purple in the fall. It produces red capsules from early to mid fall. The peeling tan bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Ninebark, Spicy Devil is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

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

Ninebark, Spicy Devil is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Ninebark, Spicy Devil will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It has a low canopy. 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.