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OCEANSPRAY *Holodiscus discolor*

Distribution: Oceanspray is found through out this state at low to mid elevations.

Growth Habit: Oceanspray is an upright, multi-stemmed deciduous shrub. It can grow to over 10 feet tall, and spread to over 6 feet wide. In many sites they can spread, creating dense thickets.

Adaptability: Oceanspray is a remarkably adaptable species. It is particularly well suited to rocky, dry slopes.

Comments: Oceanspray is a good conservation species. Its dense, matting root system is excellent for soil stabilization. Birds feed upon the seeds, which can persist into winter. The masses of cream-colored flower clusters are attractive in spring. Historically this species has not been of much commercial value. Native peoples used its strong, straight stems for arrow shafts and digging implements. Pioneering families fashioned pegs from the stems to use as a substitute for nails in construction projects.

