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**PACIFIC NINEBARK**  
*Physocarpus capitatus*

**Distribution:** Pacific Ninebark is found at low to mid elevations throughout western Washington. It has also been found in northern Idaho, and the Blue Mountains.

**Growth Habit:** Pacific Ninebark is a large deciduous shrub that can grow to 15 feet tall, and spread up to 15 feet wide.

**Adaptability:** Pacific Ninebark prefers moist soils. It is often found growing along streams, lakes, bogs, and other moist sites.

**Comments:** Pacific Ninebark has long been used as a restoration species. Its dense, matting root system make it useful in stream-side stabilization. It provides forage and habitat for many species of birds and animals. It also has ornamental value. Its long, arching branches are covered with clusters of small, white flowers in late spring. The peeling layers of cinnamon bark provide attractive winter interest.

