



## Lewis' mock-orange

*Philadelphus lewisii*

Hydrangea Family (*Hydrangeaceae*)

**General Description:** Tall, multi-stemmed shrub 5 to 15 ft. Found in thickets, woods, forest edges, exposed dry rocky soils, marine bluffs and prairies.

**Key Characteristics:** Opposite, minuscule buds; triangular “dog face” leaf scar; terminal bud is tiny, narrow and pointed. Bark is dull brown to gray and shreds when older.

**Confused With:** If young and shorter than 3ft. mock-orange can be confused with snowberry. Also confused with twinberry, which grows in a wetter habitat than mock-orange.

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