



Pacific Ninebark

Physocarpus capitatus

Rose Family (*Rosaceae*)

General Description: Multi-stemmed, grows from a central base. Branches cascade down to form a fountain shape, up to 13ft tall. Found in wet lowland areas.

Key Characteristics: Alternate, egg-shaped, appressed buds; prominent “mustache” leaf scars; reddish, peeling bark. Often clusters of dried flowers hang from branches.

Confused With: Possibly confused with hardhack which is shorter, more erect and has smaller buds.

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