



Red-flowering Currant

Ribes sanguineum

Currant/Gooseberry Family (*Grossulariaceae*)

General Description: Erect, bushy shrub, 3 to 10ft tall with no thorns. Found in dry or somewhat moist soils, wooded and open sites, often near the edge of woodlands.

Key Characteristics: Alternate, equal-sized buds; bright pink bud scales; reddish-orange new growth. Bark is gray-brown to reddish-brown and shreds somewhat, young twigs have light pubescence.

Confused With: Commonly confused with indian plum, which has prominent pale lenticels and smooth shiny bark on new growth.

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