

COMMON NINEBARK



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SITING

SUNLIGHT full to part sun
SOIL sand, loam, light clay, dense compact clay

EDIBLE

no

INTERESTING FACTS

- roots were traditionally boiled until soft and placed on sores and lesions for healing
- common name “ninebark” is in reference to the attractive exfoliating bark
- flowers attractive nectar sources for butterflies and native bees
- fruits a valuable food source for many birds



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FORM

HEIGHT 6 feet
WIDTH 6 feet
upright, rounded to irregular crown with dense, wide-spreading, arching branches



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LEAF

simple, green to yellow, 3-5 shallow lobes (maple-like), ovate to rounded with serrate edges; emerge in spring



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FALL COLOUR

yellow



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FLOWER

small, white, five-petaled, dense, round clusters; emerge in late spring



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FRUIT

small, pinkish-red, drooping clusters of inflated, papery seed capsules; mature in early summer and sometimes persist throughout the winter



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BARK

smooth, shiny, reddish-brown when young; brown, exfoliating and peeling in strips to reveal reddish-brown inner bark when mature