Mahogany Magic Ninebark

Physocarpus opulifolius 'Mahogany Magic'

Height: 9 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 2

Other Names: Eastern Ninebark

Description:

Quite the colorful shrub, this garden beauty with neat compact branching, produces dark crimson red leaves, which sets off the white flowers spectacularly; leaves mature to dark purple in fall; a large variety that will grow nearly anywhere



Mahogany Magic Ninebark foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Mahogany Magic Ninebark features showy clusters of white flowers at the ends of the branches from late spring to early summer, which emerge from distinctive pink flower buds. It has attractive crimson-variegated burgundy foliage which emerges coppery-bronze in spring. The serrated lobed leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding deep purple in the fall. It features abundant showy red capsules from early to mid fall. The peeling tan bark and antique red branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.



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Landscape Attributes

Mahogany Magic Ninebark is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and can be pruned at anytime. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Mahogany Magic Ninebark is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Mahogany Magic Ninebark will grow to be about 9 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selection of a native North American species.