Dwarf Purple Ninebark

Physocarpus opulifolius 'Dwarf Purple'



Dwarf Purple Ninebark foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Eastern Ninebark

Description:

This stunning garden shrub is a very compact variety; foliage emerges a coppery-red and matures to a deep reddish-purple, contrasting the showy pinkish white flowers in spring; also has interesting peeling bark; an excellent choice for a smaller area

Ornamental Features

Dwarf Purple Ninebark features showy clusters of pink flowers with white overtones at the ends of the branches from late spring to early summer. It has attractive deep purple deciduous foliage which emerges coppery-bronze in spring. The serrated lobed leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding red in the fall. The peeling tan bark and dark red branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Dwarf Purple Ninebark is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

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

Dwarf Purple Ninebark is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Dwarf Purple Ninebark will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It has a low canopy. 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.