Little Joker® Ninebark

Physocarpus opulifolius 'Hoogi021'

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 2a

Other Names: Eastern Ninebark

Description:

A very compact shrub with burgundy leaves; features small pinkish-white spirea-like flowers followed by subtle reddish fruit, and interesting peeling papery bark; extremely tough and durable, good for small spaces or border fronts



Little Joker Ninebark flowers
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Ornamental Features

Little Joker Ninebark features showy clusters of white flowers with shell pink overtones at the ends of the branches from early to mid summer, which emerge from distinctive coral-pink flower buds. It has burgundy foliage with hints of deep purple. The small serrated lobed leaves turn deep purple in fall. It produces red capsules from early to mid fall. The dark red stems can be quite attractive.



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Landscape Attributes

Little Joker Ninebark is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a mounded 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.

Little Joker Ninebark is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Little Joker Ninebark will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. 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 typical garden conditions. To help this plant achive its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. 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.