Pacific Ninebark

*Physocarpus capitatus* ~ Rose Family

**Ethnobotany**
- Considered poisonous, used in medicines

**Habitat Value**
- Birds & small animals eat fruits in reddish seed pods
- Deer browse on twigs & leaves
- Birds use this shrub for cover

**Characteristics**
- Clusters of white flowers in May & June
- Large deciduous shrub with brown, shredding bark, grows in moist areas

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