

PHYSOCARPUS OPULIFOLIUS L.



“NUGGET”

Fam. Rosaceae

DESCRIPTION

It is a shrub with deciduous leaves and a bushy habit, well-branched, bunched and compact; it can grow up to 1.5 m tall.

LEAVES

The three-lobed leaves are yellow when they sprout and take on an intense green-yellow colour in summer.

HABITAT

This species is native to North America though it has been naturalised throughout Europe.

DISTRIBUTION

Grown in gardens and parks throughout Europe.

FLOWERS

Corymb inflorescences with 5-petalled white flowers gently streaked with pink, feathery and lightly scented. It blooms from May to August; pollination is entomophilic.

FRUITS

Very decorative and persistent red berries that turn brownish in winter.

STEM

The younger branches are glabrous whilst the stems of adult plants have a bark that flakes off in layers ranging from beige to reddish-brown.

INTERESTING FACTS

All parts of the plant are poisonous if ingested.

ROOTS

Robust root system that originates numerous basal shoots and erect branches.

