**Oceanspray**

*Holodiscus discolor*

- The plumes of white flowers that cover this plant bring to mind the spray from an ocean wave.
- Insects feed and find shelter in this shrub attracting insect-eating birds such as chickadees and bushtits.
- Oceanspray foliage is important food for the larvae of swallowtail, brown elfin, admiral, and spring azure butterflies.
- Thickets provide cover for nesting birds.
- The long straight branches were historically used for arrows, cooking tongs, mat-making needles, and other tools.

**Landscape Value**

Oceanspray is a graceful and attractive plant to add to most landscapes. The long arching branches on 6-12" tall plants have fine form throughout the year. Early summer brings on a blanket of white plumed flowers. The foliage is attractive, and the seed plumes persist through winter adding interest to the landscape.

Oceanspray thrives in a full sun to part-shade border or forest edge and is adaptable to a wide range of conditions.

Plant oceanspray with mock orange, red flowering currant, serviceberry, red osier dogwood, hawthorn, and vine maple for a mixed hedge ideal for wildlife.

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