

**Common Name:** Subalpine Spirea  
**Scientific Name:** *Spiraea densiflora*

**Sun Exposure:** Full sun to part shade, prefers full sun

**Average Size:** 2-3 feet in height and about an equal spread

**Moisture:** Grows best in moist to wet sites

**Elevation:** Found naturally at mid to upper elevations (1,500 to 10,000 feet), though it will grow and can bloom twice a year at lower elevations

**Soils:** Can grow in a wide range of soils. Prefers moist, acidic soils. Often found along streams or in mountain meadows.

**Shape:** Small, multi-branched, woody shrub.

**Foliage:** Deciduous ~Leaves are bright green ovals, with teeth on the upper halves, covering the many fine stems.

**Flower:** Pink, fragrant, dense, flat-topped flower clusters 3 inches across bloom in summer.

**Notes:**

- Attracts butterflies
- Excellent riparian plant
- Sometimes hybridizes with Douglas spirea to create an intermediate form.

