

**Common Name:** Douglas Spirea  
**Scientific Name:** *Spiraea douglasii*

**Sun Exposure:** Full sun to part shade (not well suited for dense shade)

**Average Size:** 5-8 feet tall with approximately equal spread

**Moisture:** Prefers moist to wet conditions

**Elevation:** Low to mid elevations

**Soils:** Adapts to a wide range of conditions, from marshes to upland moist areas

**Shape:** Upright growth habit, rhizomatous (spread by underground runners)

**Foliage:** Alternate, deciduous, oblong to oval, 2-6 inches long, dark green above and grey-wooly beneath

**Flower:** Pink to deep rose, tiny (about 1/4 inch across), numerous in a long, narrow, compact terminal cluster, several times longer than wide.

**Fruit:** Cluster of several small, toothed, pod-like follicles, remain in the shrub after the leaves have fallen.

**Notes:**

- Common riparian (streamside) species.
- Also known as “Hardhack”

