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*Neillia opulifolia*

[Synonyms : *Opulaster opulifolius*, *Physocarpus opulifolius*, *Physocarpus stellatus*, *Spiraea opulifolia*]

**NINE-BARK** is a deciduous shrub. Native to central and north-eastern North America it has small rose tinted, white or pale pink flowers with purplish stamens.

It is also known as *Smällspirea* (Swedish).

*Opulifolia* is derived from Latin *opulus* (a kind of maple) and *-folia* (leaved) components meaning ‘with leaves like those of a maple’.

The shrub will be familiar to many people as an ornamental plant.