



# Physocarpus Opulifolius “Center Glow Ninebark” (20140201, Dr. Harold Pellett)

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## Center Glow Ninebark

The Center Glow Ninebark shrub is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub ideal for either residential or commercial landscapes. It is available for licensing to nurseries to be propagated and commercially sold. These [licensed nurseries](#) are authorized to sell plants for propagation and resale. You must have a license from the University of Minnesota before purchasing plants for propagation.

## Hardy Shrub with Stunning Foliage

Center Glow Ninebark is hardy through USDA Zone 3 and grows to about 8 feet tall and 8 feet wide. Developed from a controlled hybridization of two other *Physocarpus opulifolius* varieties, Center Glow boasts unique, contrasting red and gold foliage. In the spring, the individual leaves emerge bright rosy red with unique tones of golden green/yellow near the base of each leaf. As summer progresses the leaves morph into shades of darker purple red/burgundy. During late spring and early summer, the shrub features clusters of white flowers that bloom from distinctive pink flower buds, and as fall approaches the leaves turn a stunning scarlet and the shrub displays bright red fruit. The bark, while mostly hidden during the growing season,

exfoliates to expose beautiful light brown to red brown hues, adding an interesting dimension to the landscape that remains attractive throughout the winter.

## Versatile Growing Conditions

Center Glow grows best in full sun to partial shade, is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations and should grow easily under average home landscape conditions. It is not particular to a specific soil type or pH and its high tolerance to urban pollution allows it to thrive in inner city environments. The shrub has a low canopy and grows at a medium rate and can, under ideal conditions, be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

| BENEFITS AND FEATURES:             | APPLICATIONS:                       |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Dramatic Foliage Color; Fall Color | Borders                             |
| North American Native Selection    | Firescaping/Fire Wise               |
| Showy Fruit                        | Mass Planting                       |
| Attractive Bark                    | Urban, Wildlife or Woodland Gardens |
| Waterwise                          | General Garden/Mass Planting        |
| Year-round Interest                | Hedges/Screening                    |
| Rugged Disposition                 | Accents                             |

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### Researchers

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