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MOCK ORANGE *Philadelphus lewisii*

Distribution: Mock Orange also known by some as syringa can be found throughout the state at low to middle elevations.

Growth Habit: Mock Orange grows 6 to 12 feet tall, with an erect, loosely branched habit. The abundance of white, sweetly-scented flowers makes this shrub quite noticeable in May and June.

Adaptability: Mock Orange grows in a variety of different habitats at lower to middle elevations throughout Washington. It can be found as a riparian species growing along gullies and streams. It also grows in open or forested bottomlands, and in a variety of upland sites including talus slopes and rocky cliffs. It is often found in coastal forests, sagebrush, bunchgrass, and Ponderosa Pine ecosystems.

Comments: Mock Orange is an excellent soil and streambank stabilizer, and an important wildlife species. Mock Orange from west of the Cascades tends to grow taller (up to 15 feet) than those growing east of the Cascades (approximately 6 feet). The flowers on Westside Mock Orange are more fragrant than eastside plants.



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