

Willowleaf meadowsweet

Spiraea salicifolia

Description

Used for its medicinal properties.

Habit

Erect; grows up to 2 m (6 ft) in height.

Leaves

1-3 in long, alternate, simple, sharply serrated leaves.

Stems

Dense; yellowish brown; slightly angled; pubescent when young, later glabrescent; buds ovoid to oblong-ovoid, 3-5 mm, with several brown scales, apex acute.

Flowers

Pink in color, 1-4 in panicle, blooms June through September.

Fruits and Seeds

Fruits are follicles that develop in summer.

Habitat

Native to Europe and east Asia. Found in river banks, meadows in valleys, damp grasslands, gullies,





slopes, clearings.

Reproduction

By seed.

Similar

Rose spirea (*Spiraea douglasii*).

Monitoring and Rapid Response

Hand-pulling of yearling shoots; digging up of root system if left too long; close cutting during hot temperatures.

Credits

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