

Mock Orange (Syringa)
Philadelphus lewisii

Distribution: Mock Orange can be found throughout the state at low to middle elevations.

Growth: Mock Orange grows 6 to 12' 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 slopes and rocky cliffs. It is often found in sagebrush, bunchgrass, and Ponderosa Pine ecosystems.

Comments: Mock Orange is an excellent soil and streambank stabilizer, and an important wildlife species. Mock Orange from east of the Cascades tends to grow approximately 6' in height.

