## TAXONOMY

### Family Names
- **Family Scientific Name:** Hydrangeaceae or some consider Philadelphaceae
- **Family Common Name:** Hydrangea

### Scientific Names
- **Genus:** *Philadelphus*
- **Species:** *lewisii*
- **Species Authority:** Pursh

### Common Synonym(s) (include full scientific names (e.g., *Elymus glaucus* Buckley), including variety or subspecies information)
- *Philadelphus lewisii* var. *angustifolius* (Rydb.) Hu
- *Philadelphus lewisii* var. *ellipticus* Hu
- *Philadelphus lewisii* var. *gordonianus* (Lindl.) Jepson
- *Philadelphus lewisii* var. *helleri* (Rydb.) Hu
- *Philadelphus lewisii* var. *intermedius* (A. Nels.) Hu
- *Philadelphus lewisii* var. *lewisi* Pursh
- *Philadelphus lewisii* var. *oblongifolius* Hu
- *Philadelphus lewisii* var. *parvifolius* Hu
- *Philadelphus lewisii* var. *platyphyllus* (Rydb.) Hu

### Common Name(s):
- Mockorange; Lewis’ mockorange; Syringa;

### Species Code (as per USDA Plants database):
- PHLE4

## GENERAL INFORMATION
- **Geographical range (distribution maps for):** BC, Alberta, Cascade Mountains of WA, OR to
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<th>North America and Washington state</th>
<th>northern CA, eastward to MT.</th>
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<td>Ecological distribution (ecosystems it occurs in, etc):</td>
<td>Open woods, dry bluffs, and riparian.</td>
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<td>Climate and elevation range</td>
<td>Sea level to 2100m</td>
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<td>Local habitat and abundance; may include commonly associated species</td>
<td>Likes dry desert to moist. Occurs more infrequent west of Cascades in open Doug fir forest, especially near the coast. East of the Cascades in basalt rimrock and talus with bushes more floriferous. Abundant along rocky walls of Yakima Canyon.</td>
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<td>Plant strategy type / successional stage (stress-tolerator, competitor, weedy/colonizer, seral, late successional)</td>
<td>Deer browse on twigs and foliage. Flowers attract butterflies and bees. Removing suckers from the base of old plants is an easy means of obtaining a few new plants. Lewis' mockorange is tolerant of moderate shade. It is an early to mid-seral species, and is often present in seral shrub communities. Mockorange tolerates fire and persists in forested environments where fire frequency is 5 to 45 years. It resprouts from adventitious buds in the root crown after top kill by fire.</td>
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<td>Plant characteristics (life form (shrub, grass, forb), longevity, key characteristics, etc)</td>
<td>Woody shrub. 1.5 to 3 meters tall. Shreddy bark, notable straight twigs with right angles, pubescent opposite leaves with marginal teeth. Showy white flowers in late May/June very fragrant citrus smell.</td>
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**PROPAGATION DETAILS**

<p>| Ecotype (this is meant primarily for experimentally derived protocols, and is a description of where the seed that was tested came from): | The following methods were used by growers in Flathead Lake, Flathead County, MT. |</p>
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<th>Propagation Goal (Options: Plants, Cuttings, Seeds, Bulbs, Somatic Embryos, and/or Other Propagules):</th>
<th>Can use seeds or vegetative cuttings.</th>
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<td>Propagation Method (Options: Seed or Vegetative):</td>
<td>Vegetative propagation requires softwood cuttings in June or July, dip in 1000ppm IBA solution, stick in peat:perlite 1:1; mist. Hardwood cuttings in fall or spring to a length of 20cm. Treat with 2500-8000 ppm IBA and insert 15cm deep into sandy soil. Fall plantings should be mulched. 8.</td>
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<td>Product Type (options: Container (plug), Bareroot (field grown), Plug + (container-field grown hybrids, and/or Propagules (seeds, cuttings, poles, etc.))</td>
<td>Container (plug) 9.</td>
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<td>Stock Type:</td>
<td>Seed: 172 ml container Vegetative: 800ml container</td>
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<td>Time to Grow (from seeding until plants are ready to be outplanted):</td>
<td>18 months</td>
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<td>Target Specifications (size or characteristics of target plants to be produced):</td>
<td>Container seedling 15-20cm, firm plug in container.</td>
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<td>Propagule Collection (how, when, etc):</td>
<td>Fruit matures late summer. Oval, woody capsules about ¼ inch long. 10. Collect capsules when brown and dehiscing. Keep in brown paper bag, dry and well ventilated prior to cleaning.</td>
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<td>Propagule Processing/Propagule Characteristics (including seed density (# per pound), seed longevity, etc):</td>
<td>Seeds per kg: 7,716,045 – 17,636,685 11. Veg: softwood kept moist/cool, use pre-rooting treatment. Seed longevity unknown. Estimated 50-60% germination. 9.</td>
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<td>Pre-Planting Propagule Treatments (cleaning, dormancy treatments, etc):</td>
<td>Extract seeds by lightly crushing dried capsules and passing through aspirator. Stratify at 5° C for 8 weeks followed by 22-26° C. 11. Cuttings should be re-cut, terminal buds snipped, fungicide bath, IBA, rooting medium with bottom heat covered with 2 nodes below medium. 9.</td>
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<td>Growing Area Preparation / Annual Practices for Perennial Crops (growing media, type and size of containers, etc):</td>
<td>Seed growing media used is 70% 6:1:1 milled sphagnum peat, perlite, and vermiculite and 30% sand with Osmocote controlled release fertilizer (13N:13P2O5:13K2O; 8 to 9 month release rate at 21C) and Micromax fertilizer (12%S, 0.1%B, 0.5%Cu, 12%Fe, 2.5%Mn, 0.05%Mo, 1%Zn) at the rate of 1 gram of Osmocote and 0.20 gram of Micromax per 172 ml conetainer. Conetainers are sown in late fall and irrigated thoroughly prior to</td>
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| **Establishment Phase (from seeding to germination):** | Seeds germinate outdoors when temperature reaches $21^\circ$ during day. Germination to true leaf stage is 2 weeks. Seedlings thinned and transplanted. Cuttings: After cuttings have rooted they are potted into 800 ml containers using 50% milled spaghnum peat, perlite, and vermiculite and 50% sand with Osmocote controlled release fertilizer (13N:13P2O5:13K2O; 8 to 9 month release rate at 21C) and Micromax fertilizer (12%S, 0.1%B, 0.5%Cu, 12%Fe, 2.5%Mn, 0.05%Mo, 1%Zn) at the rate of 2 grams of Osmocote and 1.0 grams of Micromax per container and placed in shadehouse for the rest of the growing season.  

**Length of Establishment Phase:** Seeds: 4 weeks; Cuttings: 8 weeks;  

**Active Growth Phase (from germination until plants are no longer actively growing):** Seeds: Rapid once established. Fertilize using 20-20-20 (100ppm) once a week during this phase. Up-pot at 8 weeks to 800ml container Cuttings: Moderate following transplant from mistbed to 1.5L containers. Multistemmed and root tight at 18 months.  

**Length of Active Growth Phase:** 8 weeks for either.  

**Hardening Phase (from end of active growth phase to end of growing season; primarily related to the development of cold-hardiness and preparation for winter):** Seeds: In September, use 10-20-20 fertilizer reducing through fall months. Cuttings: Plants were given one final irrigation before overwintering.  

**Length of Hardening Phase:** 4 weeks for both.  

**Harvesting, Storage and Shipping (of seedlings):** 18 months for 800ml container stock. Harvest seeds June or July. Overwinter under insulation foam cover. Harvest cuttings September.  

**Length of Storage (of seedlings, between nursery and outplanting):** 5 months  

**Other Comments (including collection restrictions or guidelines, if available):** Grows in moist well drained soils to dry soils. Hardwood cuttings can be taken in early Spring. Should be 20cm in length and treated as mentioned above.
### INFORMATION SOURCES

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| Other Sources Consulted (but that contained no pertinent information) (full citations): | Pojar, Jim; MacKinnon, Andy; Plants of the Pacific Northwest Coast. 2004. B.C. Ministry of Forests and Lone Pine Publishing.  
| Protocol Author (First and last name): | Pam Peterson |
| Date Protocol Created or Updated (MM/DD/YY): | 04/28/08 updated. 05/06/03 original submitted by Scott Olmstead. |
Species (common name, Latin name)
Mock-orange, *Philadelphus lewisii*

Range
From B.C. and Cascade Mountains of Oregon and Washington to northern California, eastward to Montana (Rose)

Climate, elevation
Low to middle elevation; sea level to 2100m (Pojar) (Rose)

Local occurrence (where, how common)
Southern Puget Sound region (Pojar)

Habitat preferences
Wide range of habitats; open forest with moist fertile soils to brushy areas on dry, rocky soils; often riparian habitats (Pojar) (Rose)

Plant strategy type/successional stage (stress-tolerator, competitor, weedy/colonizer, seral, late successional)
Early to mid-seral species (Tirmenstein)

Associated species
*Corylus cornuta, Holodiscus discolor, Toxicodendron diversilobum, Rosa gymnocarpa*, and *Mahonia aquifolium* (Tirmenstein)

May be collected as: (seed, layered, divisions, etc.)
Seed and vegetative (Rose)
Collection restrictions or guidelines
Fruit matures in late summer. Take softwood cuttings in June and July. Collect hardwood cuttings in fall or spring (Rose)

Seed germination (needs dormancy breaking?)
Crush dried capsules and pass them through an aspirator to get seeds. Stratify at 5°C for eight weeks followed by 22-26°C. Put softwood cuttings in 1000ppm IBA. Put hardwood cuttings in 2500-8000ppm IBA (Rose)

Recommended seed storage conditions
Seed not planted in the fall can be sown without any pre-treatment, or cold-stratified for eight weeks at 41°F (Leigh)

Propagation recommendations (plant seeds, vegetative parts, cuttings, etc.)
Seeds are numerous and can be sown directly on-site. Can be grown from root suckers transplanted from salvage sites. (Leigh)

Soil or medium requirements (inoculum necessary?)
Put in peat:perlite (1:1) medium and mist-softwood; place 15cm deep into sandy soil –hardwood (Rose)

Installation form (form, potential for successful outcomes, cost)
Plants sold in nurseries may not be from local region. 6-36” seedlings, 12-36” transplants (Leigh) (4th Corner Nurseries)

Recommended planting density
Minimum: 692 per acre; Maximum: 1200 per acre (Vegspec)

Care requirements after installed (water weekly, water once etc.)
Fall plantings should be mulched (Rose)

Normal rate of growth or spread; lifespan
Moderate; height when mature: 12ft. Lifespan: moderate (Vegspec)

Sources cited


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