

Plant Data Sheet

Stinky currant / *Ribes bracteosum*



Range

Alaska to California, mostly west Cascades but occasionally in the east Cascades (1)

Climate, Elevation

Moist to wet locations, low to subalpine elevations (2)

Local occurrence

Stream banks, floodplains, shorelines, thickets, avalanche tracks (3)

Habitat preferences

Moist forests (1)

Plant strategy type/successional stage

Seral stages, dappled shade

Associated species

Rubus spectabilis, *Rubus parviflorus*, *Sambucus racemosa*, *Vaccinium* spp., *Alnus rubra*, *Acer macrophyllum*, *Tsuga heterophylla* and *Pseudotsuga menziesii*

Collection restrictions or guidelines

Flowers in May (4), sown soon as it is ripe in the autumn in a cold frame (4)

Seed germination

3 months cold stratification at 2 – 5° C (4)

Vegetative regeneration

Cuttings (4)

Seed life

Under “normal” storage conditions, can be viable for 17 years or more (4)

Recommended seed storage conditions

Cold storage

Propagation recommendations

For seedlings, put seedlings into individual pots, grow in a cold frame for first winter, plant out in late spring of following year. For cuttings, 10-15 cm. of mature wood of current year's growth, preferably with a heel of previous year's growth, November to February in a cold frame or sheltered bed outdoors (4)

Soil or medium requirements

Sandy, loamy and clay soils, moist soil; prefers acidic soil (4)

Installation form

Containerized plants from seed or cuttings

Recommended planting density

Care requirements after installed (water weekly, water once etc.)
Should be planted in moist soil

Normal rate of growth or spread; lifespan**Sources cited**

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