

Go Native!

Lewis's Mock Orange

Philadelphus lewisii



Lewis's mock orange is a twiggy, branching deciduous shrub with grey-brown bark, oval green leaves, and clusters of orange-like fragrant, four-petaled flowers with yellow centers growing to 3.5 m tall.

Flowers of mock orange are very attractive to butterflies. This BC native likes to be planted in partial shade and is a fire smart, pollinator friendly plant that prefers moist but well-drained soil.

It has a graceful arching shape that looks great as a shrub border. The snow-white showy flowers appear late May to July. Prune flower-bearing branches once the flowers have died away in the summer. New buds develop on the new wood of the year, so pruning later in the year reduces the floral display.

Mock orange germinates readily from seed. For a wild effect, you can scatter seeds over a site and let nature take over. It also roots easily from cuttings taken in mid-July and treated with hormone.

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