

Botany quiz #2: Shrubs – Answers

Here are the answers for quiz #2 featuring common species of native shrubs (all in states of decay, which adds a bit of an extra challenge!).

Stay tuned for quiz #3, the coastal conifers.

1. Dull Oregon-grape (*Berberis nervosa*)
2. Common snowberry (*Symphoricarpos albus*)
3. Trailing blackberry (*Rubus ursinus*): Leaves often turns a bright shade of red in the fall/winter
4. Hardhack (*Spiraea douglasii*): Often grows at the edges of lakes and swamps. Has fuzzy pink terminal blooms in the late spring/summer, visible as brown compact seedheads in the fall/winter that remain after the leaves have fallen.
5. Thimbleberry (*Rubus parviflorus*): Large soft leaves that look a bit maple-like.
6. Red elderberry (*Sambucus racemosa*): This member of the honeysuckle family has opposite leaves.
7. Red-osier dogwood (*Cornus sericea*): Note the "dogwood veins" that curve along the edge of the leaf. Turns nice shades of pinky-red in the fall.
8. Salmonberry (*Rubus spectabilis*): Leaflets in groups of 3 and copper-brown twigs.
9. Red huckleberry (*Vaccinium parvifolium*): The green twigs are distinctive!
10. Pacific ninebark (*Physocarpus capitatus*): The dropping clusters of brown seeds are distinctive and hang on into the winter. Leaves often have 3 lobes.