FORM: Shrubs or small trees, 2-7m (6-20ft) tall, spreading to erect.

IDAHO CHAMPION: 1978. 9.6in dbh; 30.2in circum. * 32ft + 5.75ft crown= 63pts; Slate Creek RD, Nezperce NF.

BARK: Glabrous, reddish-brown aging to grey.

BUDS: Alternate, reddish-brown, conical 3-6mm long, scale edges hairy.(1)

LEAVES: Alternate, deciduous, thin, oblong to oval, 10-12 individual parallel side veins; generally coarsely toothed above the middle (2), no glands on leaf or petiole.

FLOWERS: White, 5-10mm long; 3-20 in short racemes; April-July.

FRUIT: Dark purple pome (apple), 10-14mm long.

SIMILAR SPECIES: Young or small plant’s leaves may be confused with [Spiraea species, p.73], compare leaf veins; and [Prunus species, pp.56-51], glands on leaves.

NOTES: Earliest blooming white-flowered shrubs; good jelly made from fruit.