ROSACEAE

*Spiraea betulifolia* var. *lucida* (Douglas.) Hitchc.

Spbel

spiraea, shiny-leaf spiraea

FORM: Strongly rhizomatous, glabrous, medium shrub, 20-60cm (8-24in) tall.

STEMS: Erect, slender, light yellow-brown and smooth, not hairy; aging to reddish-brown.

LEAVES: Alternate, deciduous, ovate, 2-7cm (1-3in) long, generally coarsely toothed above middle, dark green on upper surface, slightly pale below, side veins of leaf bend toward apex.

FLOWERS: Dull white in flat-topped corymbs, 3-8cm (1-3in) broad; June-July.

FRUIT: Glabrous follicles, 3mm long (1).

SIMILAR SPECIES: *Spiraea* species; or young *Amelanchier alnifolia*, p.38, different leaf serration and venation patterns.

NOTES: Most common *Spiraea* species in northern Idaho.