

Go Native - Mountain Spirea

The most common of the spirea varieties grown in our area is the Mountain Spirea or *spiraea densiflora*. This is a perennial deciduous shrub that grows 1-3 feet tall and about the same in width. Its dark green leaves are elliptical in shape and turn yellow in fall. The flowers are rosy pink and found in dense clusters up to 2 inches wide. Other varieties have dark pink to purple flowers. Spirea requires full sun and usually likes a moist to wet soil. It provides a special benefit to native bees. These shrubs are readily found in most of the Tahoe basin nurseries.

For more information:

http://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=SPSPS

The New Sunset Western Garden Book (2012)

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