

Alpine Currant

Ribes alpinum

- Deciduous multistemmed shrub, to 3-5 ft tall, open, branches without bristles or thorns. Leaves alternate, simple, broadly ovate, 3-6 cm long, 3.5-7 cm wide, 3-5 lobes, coarsely toothed, base truncate or wedge-shaped, green of both side, pubescent on veins below and above. Flowers yellow, often with some red, 5-10 per cluster, fragrant (cloves), tubular, 12 mm long, 5 petals, 5 stamens, style white, 8-10 mm long. Fruit globose, purple-black, 10 mm diameter.
- Sun or part shade.
- Native range from North Dakota south to Texas, east to Minnesota and Arkansas.
- It is similar to *Ribes aureum* (possibly more commonly known as the Golden Currant), whose native range is from British Columbia east to Saskatchewan, south to western Nebraska, Colorado, and northwestern Texas, west to Los Angeles, California, and north to the eastern slopes of the Cascade Range.