

LAZY K NURSERY, INC.

Winter - Spring 2008 valid until changed Mail Order

Lazy K Nursery, Inc. has been specializing in native American plants since 1958. We maintain one of the largest stocks available of native deciduous Rhododendrons, commonly called Native American Azaleas.

The American azalea species of the southeastern United States have been called, by many plant authorities, "the most beautiful of our indigenous flowering shrubs." They offer the possibility of an almost continuous sequence of bloom from late March until September. In addition, native azaleas display a broad range of unusual flower colors and grow in a variety of heights and sizes.

Many of them provide intense fragrances along with their bloom. An added bonus is their handsome sculptural forms that highlight the winter landscape. All are winter hardy to USDA Zone 6; several will withstand even colder temperatures.

Our production consists of nursery propagated container stock grown from cuttings or seed of selected plants. It is most important to understand that due to their genetic composition, seed grown native azaleas are variable, within the parameters of the species, as to flower size and color, among other characteristics. Our goal is to replicate plants that are excellent examples of those that occur in nature. Our cutting grown plants are from specimens that represent typical or unusual forms of the species.

We ship plants from October 1 to March 31 only. Shipments will be made by U.P.S. ground service unless other shipping instructions are received. For shipping information, please see order form.

NATIVE AMERICAN AZALEAS

All American azalea species, cultivars and hybrids, are a minimum of three years old and grown in gallon containers and are priced at \$12.00 unless otherwise noted.

The Species

Rhododendron alabamense - The Alabama Azalea flower is typically white with a bright yellow blotch, but is sometimes flushed with pink. The attractive lemon fragrance is most distinctive. It blooms mid to late April on plants growing from three to ten feet in height.

Rhododendron arborescens - The Sweet azalea is considered by many authorities to be the best of the native white azaleas. It is white, can be flushed with pink, with a strongly contrasting red style and is highly fragrant. The southern form of the plant blooms from July into August. It is a large plant ranging in height from eight to twelve feet.

Rhododendron atlanticum - The Coastal Azalea is a low growing stoloniferous species, ranging from three to five feet with beautiful blue-green foliage. The flowers, appearing in late May, are pure white or white flushed with pink, some with a distinct yellow blotch and a most attractive fragrance.

Rhododendron austrinum - The Florida Azalea ranges in color from clear yellow to orange-red. It has a pleasant honeysuckle fragrance. It blooms in late March to early April and can attain a height exceeding ten feet.

Rhododendron bakeri - The Cumberland Azalea flowers in orange to red shades. *R. bakeri* generally grows two to five feet in height, and blooms in June with no fragrance. The name has recently been changed to *R. cumberlandense*.

Rhododendron calendulaceum - The Flame Azalea produces flowers that are variable in color; from distinct clear yellow through orange to red. Some forms may start blooming in early May, while others flower mid to late June. The blossoms are generally larger than those of the other species, and do not possess fragrance. The height can exceed ten feet.

Rhododendron canescens - The Piedmont Azalea has flowers that range in color from pure white to blush pink to strong rose, with a robust honeysuckle fragrance. It can be a large grower attaining heights from ten to fifteen feet. It is one of the earliest bloomers, with flowers appearing in late March.

Rhododendron flammeum - The Oconee Azalea, also known as *Rhododendron speciosum*, is possibly the most variable of all the native azaleas, with the flowers of seed grown plants ranging from salmon and strong pink to yellow to orange to red. It varies from low mounding shrubs to plants six feet or more in height. The non-fragrant flowers are produced in early to mid-April, following Piedmont azalea and before the Swamp azalea and the Alabama azalea. This plant has been referred to as "resplendently handsome".

Rhododendron periclymenoides - The Pinxterbloom Azalea is also known as *Rhododendron nudiflorum*. The fragrant flowers open in mid-April and vary from white, through pale pink to deep violet red in color. Plants are usually medium in height commonly ranging from four to six feet.

Rhododendron prunifolium - The Plumleaf Azalea has a flower that ranges in color from orange to red and possesses no fragrance. It is a large grower, to fifteen feet. It blooms from July through August and flowers best in semi-shade which provides some protection from the mid-summer sun. This is the signature plant of Callaway Gardens.

Rhododendron serrulatum - The Hammocksweet Azalea produces small white, clove scented flowers in late July through August. This plant is usually the last native azalea to bloom. It is a tall plant to fifteen feet.

Rhododendron vaseyi - The Pinkshell Azalea is a tall, upright plant that grows to twelve feet. The scentless, bell-shaped flowers appearing in early April are various shades of pink with a green throat and orange-red dots at the base of the upper petal.

Rhododendron viscosum - The Swamp Azalea produces spicy fragrant white flowers that are borne in mid-May to early June. It's height is variable from a low, mounding shrub up to twelve feet.

Hybrids and Cultivars

R. austrinum 'Escatawpa' - Collected on the Escatawpa River by Bill Dodd of Mobile, Alabama. It features large trusses of bright yellow flowers with a delightful fragrance.

R. austrinum 'Millie Mac' - Absolutely unique flowers are vivid yellow; bordered with a pure white margin.

R. austrinum variegated foliage - Typical yellow flowers of the species, but the foliage is flecked and blotched with yellow variegation. This bright and unusual plant is stunning in the landscape.

R. canescens 'Phlox Pink' - A deep pink early blooming plant.

R. 'Choice Cream' - (*R. Austrinum X R. Atlanticum*) One of the five azaleas selected by our friend, the late Fred Galle, and probably his best. The flower is light yellow with a pink tube and a yellow blotch on the upper petal. It is nicely fragrant.

*The following group of summer flowering azaleas were developed at Weston Nurseries. They are hardy, fragrant and their mildew free foliage exhibits excellent fall colors.

R. 'Lemon Drop' - A viscosum hybrid. An upright growing shrub with peach buds opening to pale yellow flowers with a lemon fragrance in early July.

R. 'Lollipop' - Sweet scented pink flowers with a yellow flare, bloom in late June.

R. 'Parade' - Deep pink fragrant flowers with an orange blotch in July.

R. 'Pennsylvania' - (*R. prunifolium X R. viscosum*) Features light pink fragrant flowers in late July.

TREES AND SHRUBS

All are nursery propagated and are growing in one gallon containers.

Aesculus parviflora - Bottlebrush Buckeye is a spreading, mounding shrub featuring twelve inch long inflorescence of small white flowers. A mature specimen is covered with hundreds of these "bottle brushes". This plant tolerates moist soil.
\$10.00

Agarista populifolia - Ocala Leucothoe is a small evergreen tree or large shrub with long arching limbs and fragrant bell shaped flowers in late spring. It makes a nice screen or attractive specimen.
\$9.00

Callicarpa americana - American Beautyberry is a deciduous shrub with bright purple berries growing in clusters from small stalks along the branches. It typically can reach 4' in height.
\$9.00

Callicarpa americana 'Lactea' - White American Beautyberry is the rare white berried version of above.
\$9.00

Chionanthus virginicus - Fringe Tree or Grancy Graybeard is a deciduous small tree or large shrub with clusters of pendulous white lemon-scented flowers in May growing to 15 feet.
\$10.00

Clethra alnifolia 'Hummingbird' - This deciduous shrub has beautiful glossy green leaves with three inch racemes of intensely fragrant, creamy white flowers. Tolerates wet or dry soil. The original plant is from Hummingbird Lake at Callaway Gardens and has reached a height of 3 feet in 35 years.
\$9.00

Clethra alnifolia 'Ruby Spice' - This deciduous shrub is a vigorous grower which is the best pink flowered Clethra available. Powerfully fragrant and most attractive to butterflies.
\$9.00

Gordonia lasianthus - Loblolly Bay is a beautiful evergreen tree in the camellia family. It has white flowers similar to the *Franklinia*, and blooms continuously all summer.
\$9.00

Hydrangea quercifolia - Oakleaf Hydrangea derives its name from the distinctive oak shaped leaves. It is a deciduous and stoloniferous shrub with white flowered panicles that appear in May and early June. A shrub with all season interest; maroon leaves in fall, exfoliating bark in the winter and wonderful seed heads after blooming. It grows from 6 to 10 feet.
\$9.00

Illicium floridanum - Florida Anise has dark green aromatic leaves and red "star-like" flowers. Makes a great screen or specimen. It grows to 15 feet and requires shade.
\$10.00

Itea virginica 'Henry's Garnet' - Our favorite of all the *Itea* cultivars. It forms large clumps with cascading spikes of fragrant white flowers. Long lasting garnet-red fall color.
\$9.00

Rhapidophyllum hystrix - Needle Palm is probably the cold hardiest palm in the world, withstanding temperatures to 10 below zero F. It will make a beautiful accent plant in light shade. It grows to 6 feet by 6 feet in ten years.
15.00

Vaccinium darrowii - Florida evergreen blueberry has tiny bluish leaves and a weeping habit and small delicious fruit. It grows to 4 feet.
\$9.00

Vaccinium myrsinites - "shiny Blueberry. Dwarf evergreen blueberry. Fruit relished by birds. Foliage turns reddish in winter.

FERNS AND PERENNIALS

All Ferns and Perennials are growing in one gallon containers and are priced at \$7.50 unless otherwise noted.

Aspidistra elatior - Cast Iron Plant has achieved an amazing level of popularity in recent years. It has bold, dark green foliage and thrives in shade. Makes an excellent house plant.

Chasmanthium latifolium - River Oats is an upright arching grass with seed heads from mid-summer through fall. Long, wide spikelets have a distinct herringbone pattern, paper flat and pendant on thread-like pedicels.

Hexastylis shuttleworthii var. *harperi* 'Callaway' - Callaway Ginger is one of our signature plants. There is no finer or more beautiful groundcover for shady areas.
\$7.50

Hexastylis shuttleworthii var. *harperi* 'Lazy K' - Larger, bolder leaves on longer leaf stalks than Callaway Ginger. Matte-green with silver speckled leaves. The most vigorous spreading wild ginger we have.
\$7.50

Muhlenbergia capillaris - Pink Muhly Grass is a tufted hardy perennial with narrow rush-like leaves. Large, silky, pink plumes appear in September. Flowers last about 2 months. It grows from 2 to 4 feet. It is the most sensational grass which we grow.

Osmunda cinnamomea - Cinnamon Fern has bright green, sterile, deciduous fronds which grows from 3 to 4 feet tall. Gets its name from the fertile fronds which grow 4 to 5 feet and look like they have been rolled in cinnamon.

Osmunda regalis - Royal Fern has arching, bright green, deciduous fronds and red stems. Fertile fronds mature to a rich golden-brown. It grows to 5 feet.

Polystichum acrostichoides - Christmas fern has evergreen, leathery, dark green fronds up to 2 feet. Forms neat clumps from 12 to 18 inches.

Rohdea japonica - Evergreen groundcover, having dark green, leathery, strap-like leaves. Pale yellow flowers produced on short stalks are insignificant but are followed by attractive red berries. Plant in deep shade.

Sisyrinchium angustifolium - Blue Eyed Grass has tufts of grassy leaves with clusters of small starry blue flowers.

SHIPPING INFORMATION

Please make payment by check, money order, or any major credit card.

We guarantee our plants to be true to name and in good condition upon arrival. If not, please notify us within 10 days and we will replace the defective plants if possible, or credit your account or refund the list price. We cannot guarantee plants beyond the delivery date.