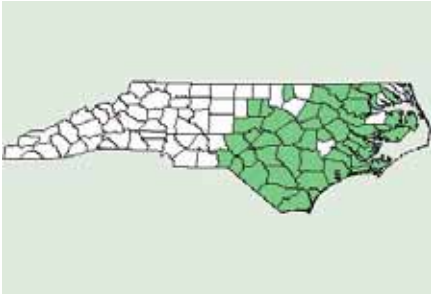


CAROLINA SWEETSHRUB

Calycanthus floridus

AKA sweetshrub, Carolina allspice, strawberry shrub, pineapple shrub, Sweet Betsy



Description: A beautiful deciduous shrub grows slowly to form neat mounds. The shrub suckers vigorously. As the mounds increase in width they eventually form a thicket if not constrained. Best of all is the wonderfully fruity scent produced by the unusual flowers. Rusty red to brown, the 1-2 inch blossoms appear in quantities during the spring and intermittently thereafter throughout the summer.

Size: 6-9 feet

Growth Rate: Slow

Light: Medium shade to bright sun

Planting and Care: Grows in average soil, is easy to care for and is essentially pest-free! Likes moist soils but can survive periods of drought if necessary. A care-free plant.

Ornamental Value: The delightful fragrance of its flowers turns this nice little shrub into a real winner.

Landscape Usage: In natural areas and woodland gardens where it can sucker freely and assume its natural habit. Sweet shrub is also nice in planters near entryways and patios where its delicate fragrance can be enjoyed.

Commercial/Traditional Uses: Dry the flowers, leaves, twigs and bark to use in potpourri.