

COASTAL AZALEA

Rhododendron atlanticum

This fragrant white flowering shrub is a charming, undemanding plant, attractive in an understated way all year, and glorious in bloom. Also known as dwarf azalea



Description: A deciduous flowering under story shrub spreading by underground stems. Its distinct blue-green foliage contrasts nicely with white flowers that are 1 to 1.5 inches across, but are often blushed with pink on the outside and some have a yellow blotch with an attractive fragrance.

Natural Habitat: Native to the coastal plain from Delaware to Georgia. It favors sandy pinelands, shrub bogs and stream banks.

Conservation Status: Endangered in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Size: 3-6' tall

Growth Rate: Moderate

Light: Sun to partial shade

Planting and Care: Easy to propagate and spreads by underground stems. Heavier soil restricts the spreading habit, but in sandy soil it can consume an acre or more. Requires average amounts of water, but do not over water. If pruning is necessary, do so immediately after blooming.

Ornamental Value: Spring flowering and displays iridescent blue to violet fall leaf color.

Landscape Usage: Custom built for foundation planting