

Summersweet

This native shrub is a must have for the garden. Summersweet has a long bloom in the summer which is delightfully fragrant. It also has good fall color and a tidy winter appearance making it a great shrub any time of the year.

Clethra is an important nectar source. It will attract butterflies, hummingbirds and especially bees. Birds and small mammals will use this plant for food and cover. The stalk of the flower can be used as a soap. Also known as Sweet Pepperbush, it will prosper and flower in wet and shady conditions.

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UNITED STATES**



Clethra alnifolia

- Hardiness: Zone 4-9
- Size: 4-8' tall and 4-6' wide
- Habit: Oval, upright, dense, suckers to form colonies. Slow to medium growth rate
- Flower: White, 2-6" long, July into August. Lasts over a month
- Culture: Full sun to shade. Prefers rich, moist soils. Tolerates very wet conditions
- Uses: Shrub border, low hedge, naturalizing, woodland garden, rain garden, wet shade, summer flower, fragrance, fall color, care free, wildlife, butterflies, bees, insects, hummingbirds, soap