

## CLETHRACEAE – CLETHRA FAMILY

**Plant:** shrubs to small trees

**Stem:** may have stellate hairs

**Root:**

**Leaves:** simple, alternate, deciduous, with petioles, usually with marginal teeth, no stipules

**Flowers:** perfect, regular (actinomorphic); 5 sepals and 5 petals; 10 stamens in two whorls; ovary superior, 3 stigmas

**Fruit:** capsule, numerous seeds, sometimes winged

**Other:** family under investigation ; Dicotyledons Group

**Genera:** 2 genera; locally Clethra

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Coastal Sweet Pepper-Bush; *Clethra alnifolia* L.

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Clethraceae (Clethra Family)

Acadia National Park, Maine

Notes: shrub; 5-part flowers, white to sometimes pinkish, on erect racemes, pedicels finely hairy; leaves alternate, simple, obovate to oblong, finely serrate distally, tapering to a short petiole; many branched shrub, older bark exfoliating; fruit a capsule with numerous seeds; moist woods, swamps and near coasts; spring

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