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# BUSH HONEYSUCKLE

*Diervilla lonicera*

Suckering densely branched shrub with fragrant, brightly colored tube-like flowers, attractive to hummingbirds and butterflies.

## Benefits for Wildlife

- Pollinators include native bumblebees, leafcutter bees, sweat bees, and hummingbird moths
- Sturdy shelter for ground-nesting birds
- Browsed by deer

Host to 3 caterpillar species:  
(*common names*) Snowberry clearwing;  
Laurel sphinx; Harris's Three Spot

## Benefits for People

- Pretty flowers; uniquely small shrub for tight, dry locations
- Full range of colors, from green in spring, to yellow and orange in summer, and red and purple in fall

## Growing Information

- Sunlight* Full sun to full shade  
*Soil Type* Dry, well-drained, drought tolerant  
*Height* 1-3'  
*Width* 3-5'  
*Flowering calendar* June to August

## Natural Habitat

- Dry, sandy forest floor

