



COASTAL SWEET PEPPERBUSH

Clethra alnifolia

Also known as Summersweet. Medium to large shrub with interesting leaves and showy, fragrant, long-lasting white flowers in midsummer. Well adapted to varied growing conditions, very hardy.

Species is listed as Species of Concern in Maine.

Benefits for Wildlife

- Flowers attract butterflies and hummingbirds
- Songbirds and mammals feed on the fruit
- Host for the Sweet Pepperbush Nola Moth, *Nola clethrae*

Benefits for People

- Beautiful, fragrant flowers that last up to six weeks
- Leaves turn golden yellow in fall
- Forms broad, dense thicket ideal for hedge row or screen

Growing Information

Sunlight	Full to part shade
Soil Type	Moist, but can tolerate drought
Height	3–6'
Width	5–10'
Flowering calendar	July to August

Natural Habitat

- Varied, often near water

