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# COASTAL SWEET PEPPERBUSH; SUMMERSWEET

*Clethra alnifolia*

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.*

## Growing Information

Sunlight	Full to part shade
Soil Type	Normal to moist, but can tolerate drought
Height	3–6'
Flowering calendar	July to August

## Benefits for Wildlife

Leaves	Yes
Flowers	Yes
Fruit	Yes
Seeds	Yes

## Benefits for People

- Beautiful, fragrant flowers
- Forms broad, dense thicket ideal for hedge row or screen

## Natural Habitat

- Varied, often near water

