

EDGE of the Woods

Native Plants

Bring life to your landscape with native plants



Clethra, or Summersweet, attracts butterflies and numerous pollinators and is a great alternative to the invasive butterfly bush. Its bright green leaves are followed by fragrant spires of flowers in mid to late summer. Here at the nursery, they are about to pop into bloom any day now. We carry the following selections. All Clethra prefer a moist to wet site, sun to light shade.

Clethra alnifolia: Grows 4' or more, white blossoms. One of the easiest butterfly shrubs you can have. This is the 'straight species' that occurs naturally in low areas around woodlands and wetlands.

Clethra alnifolia 'Ruby Spice': This selection bears deep rose-colored, non-fading fragrant flowers. 6'-8' high.

Clethra alnifolia 'Hummingbird': A dwarf selection that grows 2-1/2 to 3-1/2 feet tall.

Clethra alnifolia 'Sixteen Candles'" Lustrous dark green foliage, 4" to 6" racemes are held upright like birthday candles (pictured on far left). The shrub reaches 3'-5'.

SUMMER BLOOMING PERENNIALS

If you have not visited the nursery yet, now is the time. Summer is when native plants out-do themselves with color. Combined with the many insects and birds they support, the show is non-stop. Visit our demonstration gardens and view the selection of over 300 native species we offer for sale. Many of our plants are seed grown to enhance genetic diversity in the ecosystem.

What People Are Saying About Classes at Edge of the Woods

"Thanks so much! I had a great time and learned a lot!"

"Everyone was so friendly and helpful. I'm glad I came."

"I am so glad I came, I never visited before and will definitely be back."

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