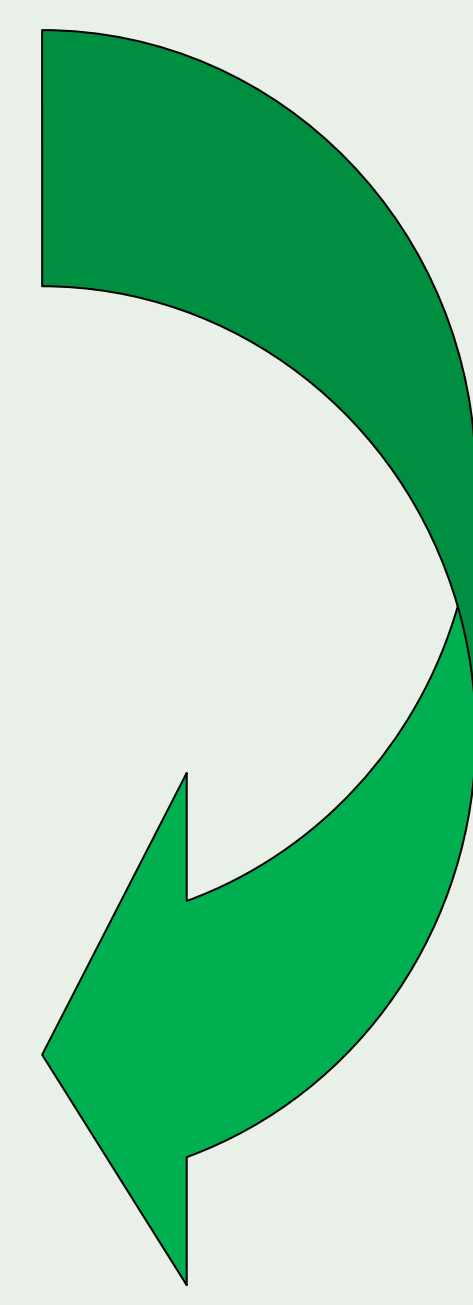


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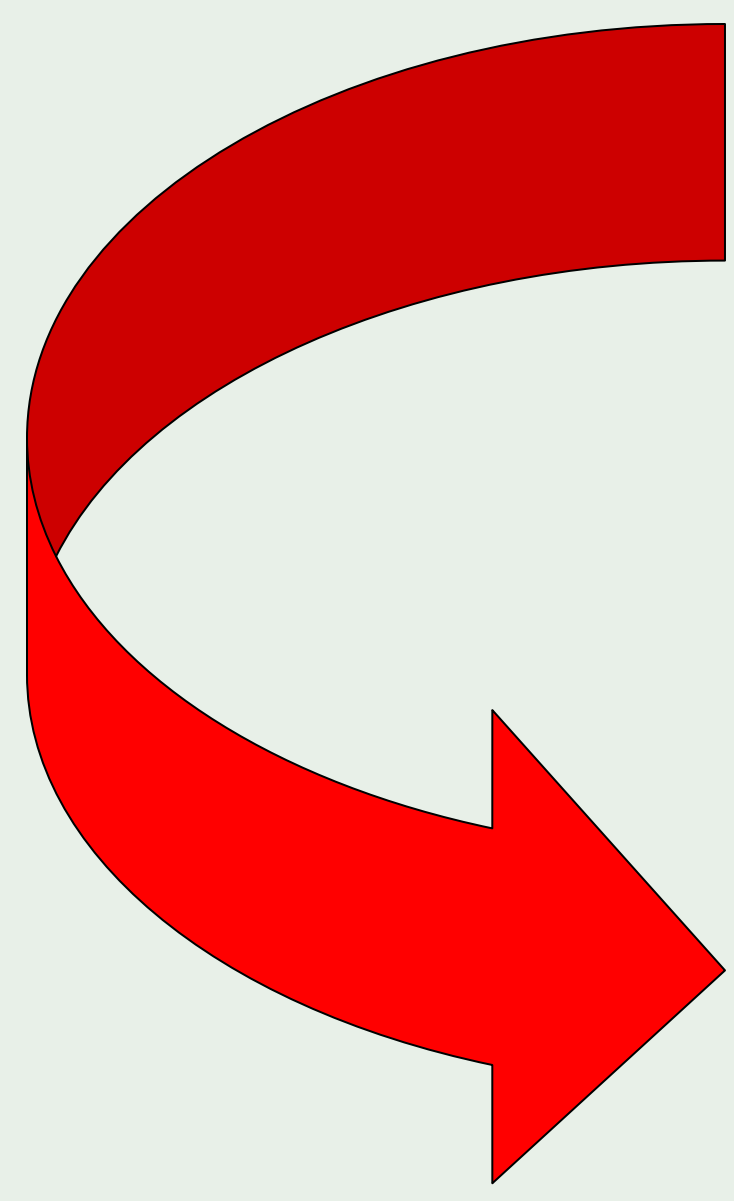
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Florida Azalea

Rhododendron austrinum

Native to the lower South, this deciduous, arching, medium-sized shrub blooms in early spring. A spectacular specimen graces the front of the Totten Center of the North Carolina Botanical Garden, wowing visitors each April with its golden-orange flower clusters and its intoxicating fragrance. An undemanding, tough, and beautiful shrub, the Florida Azalea is generally uncommon in its deep-south native habitat, but is available commercially for landscape planting through seed propagation or division of nursery-grown stock plants.

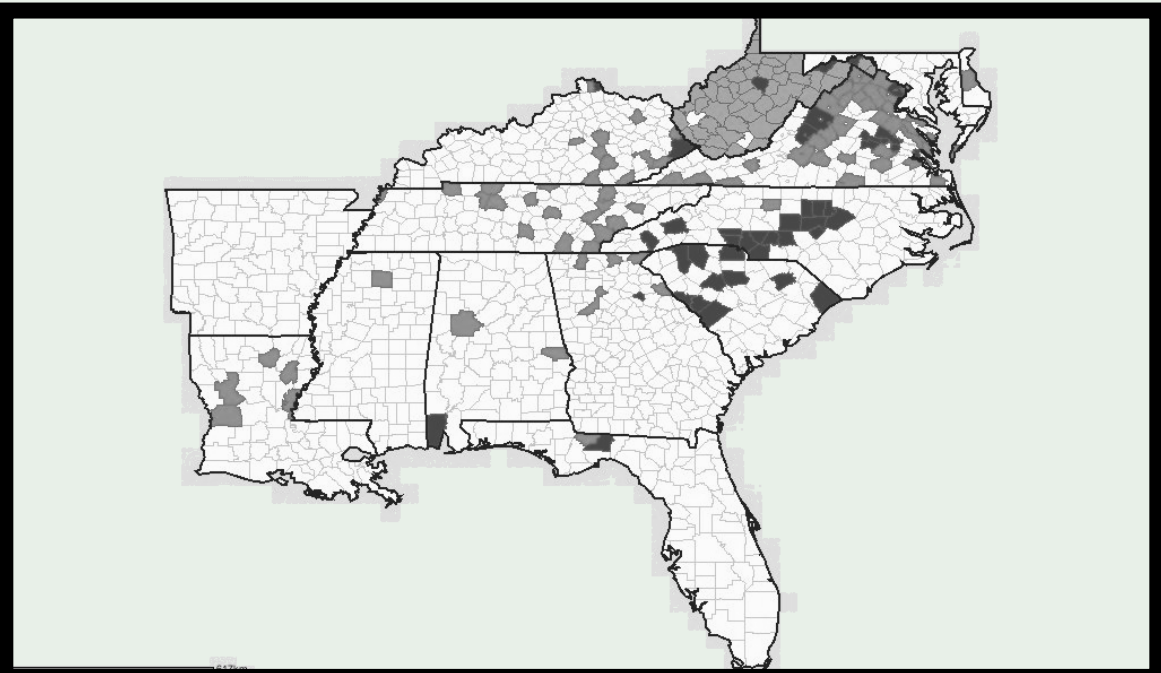
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Autumn Olive

Elaeagnus umbellata

This bushy, deciduous shrub is often used for screening purposes in landscape design. It can grow up to twenty feet tall—even in poor soil because it can manufacture its own nitrogen fertilizer. A mature, 3-to 5-year-old shrub can produce about 60,000 seeds contained within its bird-dispersed fruits. Autumn Olive is disastrous for our native plant communities and wildlife!



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