**Bush-Honeysuckle**  
(*Diervilla lonicera*)

2-4' x 2-5'+. Vigorous, grows 3-4' per year.

Spreading mounded shrub, suckering freely, forming broad thickets with age.

CT native, found in rocky or sandy soil, forest gaps, dry woods, on cliffs.

2-6" long rounded lance-shaped leaves, emerge coppery, then turn dark green with reddish mid-ribs.

Small sulfur-yellow June-August bell-shaped flowers, turn red with age. Its five petals curl out. Flowers on new growth.

Fall foliage is exceptional and long-lasting, featuring vibrant jewel-tone scarlets, oranges, and magentas.

Dark-red arching stems. Bark peels to an orange inner bark.

Sun to shade. Will tolerate even heavy shade, though the plant will have fewer flowers, less fall color, and less vigor.

Tolerates dry to moist rich soil, prefers something in between. Tolerates dry shade. Quite drought tolerant.

Rugged, and low maintenance.

Suckers are easy to remove, if they’re not wanted. The suckers are also easily moved to new planting areas.

Use for naturalizing, massing, filler or facer/tall ground-cover. Very adaptable.

Good for erosion control.

Attracts bees, butterflies, birds, hummingbirds.

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