**Purple-flowering Raspberry**  
(Rubus odoratus)

3-6’ x 4-8’ erect thornless ornamental shrub, can form a broad shrub, or naturalized mounded colonies via creeping underground stems.

CT native, found in damp rocky woodlands, by streams, in thickets and ravines.

Very showy, fragrant, large, shimmery, satiny, deep purple-rose 2” flowers, June to August.

Large attractive maple-leaf-like, soft fuzzy gray-green leaves; become pale yellow in fall.

Broad rounded flattened salmon-red berry. Not as sweet or moist as usual raspberries, and seedier, but edible, with good flavor.

Upright to arcing canes are orange-brown, and exfoliating. New branches are hairy. Canes live a few years before dying out, replaced by new canes.

Sun to part shade, moist acidic soil.

Use in gardens, shrub borders, native plant gardens, wild or naturalized areas.

Special value to native, honey, and bumble bees. Excellent for attracting songbirds and game birds. Also attracts butterflies and mammals.

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