

## Pinxterbloom Azalea (*Rhododendron nudiflorum*)

4-8' many-branched, upright, spreading.

CT native, found in moist woods and by streams.

Very attractive clusters of light to dark pink 1½" flowers, with long red stamens, in April-early May. Mild honeysuckle-like fragrance.

Small rounded oval leaves, yellow-bronze fall foliage.

Sun to light shade.  
Moist well-drained acid humusy soil, tolerates dry sandy or rocky soil. In ideal conditions can spread by stolons.

Use as specimen, in groups or masses, in naturalized settings, understory, woodland edges, shrub or mixed borders, streamside buffers.



Larval host for Striped Hairstreak and Brown Elfin butterflies. Nectar source for Skipper and Swallowtail butterflies.

Attracts hummingbirds.

Photos 1, butterfly photo:  
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