

## Sheep Laurel 'Hammonasset' (*Kalmia angustifolia*)

2-3', low-growing, strongly upright branching, rounded, spreading.

CT native, found in a range of environments from wet bogs to dry forests, rocky barrens, open thickets, old pastures, often in semi-shade, sandy or infertile soil.

'Hammonasset' discovered in the vicinity of the Hammonasset River in CT.

Showy mountain laurel-like rich dark pink-rose flowers, June-July.

Narrow lustrous gray-green evergreen leaves.

Sun to part shade.

Wet to dry, well-drained acidic soil, not windswept. Very adaptable species.

Use for evergreen groundcover, at woodland edges, in foundations, in infertile soil.

Attracts butterflies, larval host to Brown Elfin Butterfly, Northern Blue Butterfly, and Columbia Silkmoth. Cover and seed for birds.



Photo 1

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Connecticut Botanical Society  
[ct-botanical-society.org/galleries/kalmiaangu.html](http://ct-botanical-society.org/galleries/kalmiaangu.html)

Photo 2

Broken Arrow Nursery  
[brokenarrownursery.com](http://brokenarrownursery.com)

Photo 3

Univ. of CT Plant Database  
[hort.uconn.edu/plants](http://hort.uconn.edu/plants)

Photo 4

North Central Conservation District