

Dothan Area Botanical Gardens & Azalea-Dogwood Festival plan online azalea sale

DABG and the Azalea Dogwood Festival have joined forces to host an online native azalea sale. The sale will feature approximately a dozen species of native azalea, among the most prized of all flowering shrubs.

The online sale begins on **Sept. 1** for DABG members and **Sept. 6** for the general public. The online sales end on **Sept. 20**, with pickup to be held at the Gardens on **Oct. 2** from 9:00am-noon.

Native azaleas occur naturally in the state and are typically found growing in undisturbed areas along streambanks and hillsides. In contrast, most cultivated azaleas came from Asia and were introduced to Alabama. Native azaleas are deciduous, which means they lose their leaves during the winter. Depending on the species, native azaleas can bloom from early spring into midsummer and present a spectacular show of color. The funnel-shaped flowers can be fragrant and their colors range from pink, white, yellow, orange and red, depending upon the species and breeding.

A limited number of plants are available and are expected to sell quickly. To place your order, visit our website at www.dabg.com

**Proposed native/deciduous azalea selections for a Fall 2021 azalea sale at Dothan Area
Botanical Gardens**



Common name: Rising sun azalea
Scientific name: *Rhododendron austrinum* 'rising sun'
Bloom time: April
Size at maturity: 8'-10'
Available in 1 gallon and 3 gallon

This azalea was first collected in the 1960s just below the Woodruff Dam. Its fragrant, bright yellow-gold flowers are born in trusses that can light up the edges of a woodland garden.

Price of 1-gal: \$12
Price of 3-gal: \$24



Common name: Elizabeth Lane azalea
Scientific name: *Rhododendron flammeum* x 'strawberry ice'
Bloom time: April
Size at maturity: 6'

This outstanding azalea is a cross between the Oconee azalea and a 'Strawberry Ice' Exbury azalea. Its flowers are ruffled and pink with a golden blotch on one petal.

Price of 1-gal: \$12



Common name: Magenta Rose Flame azalea
Scientific name: *Rhododendron flammeum*
Bloom time: April
Size at maturity: 3'

A wild-collected Oconee azalea. Its flowers have a striking pinkish-purple color. It is shorter than many other native azaleas, reaching 3' high after ten years of growth.

Price of 1-gal: \$12



Common name: Razzberry azalea
Scientific name: *Rhododendron flammeum* x *periclymenoides*
Bloom time: April
Size at maturity: 6'
Available in 1 gallon and 3 gallon

A wild-collected cross of the Piedmont and Oconee azaleas. That flowers are a nearly fluorescent raspberry red with a yellow blotch on one petal.

Price of 1-gal: \$12

Price of 3-gal: \$24



Common name: Alabama azalea
Scientific name: *Rhododendron alabamense*
Bloom time: April-May
Size at maturity: 7'-10'
Available in 1 gallon and 3 gallon

An excellent native azalea that deserves a place in every Alabama garden. Its flowers are white with a yellow blotch; occasionally the petals have a pink tinge. It has one of the most distinct fragrances of all azaleas, with a distinct citrusy overtone.

Price of 1-gal: \$12
Price of 3-gal: \$24



Common name: Hammocksweet azalea
Scientific name: *Rhododendron serrulatum*
Bloom time: July
Size at maturity: 10'-12'
Available in 1 gallon and 3 gallon

A large shrub with excellent foliage and good fall color. It has small, fragrant white flowers in mid-summer, when most other azaleas have stopped blooming. It appreciates some shade, and can be a highlight of the summer garden.

Price of 1-gal: \$12
Price of 3-gal: \$24



Common name: Chocolate drop azalea
Scientific name: *Rhododendron canescens*
Bloom time: March-April
Size at maturity: 6'
Available in 1 gallon and 3 gallon

New growth is burgundy-red like a Japanese maple. It bears large, fragrant pink flowers. Selected from the piedmont azaleas.

Price of 1-gal: \$12
Price of 3-gal: \$24



Common name: Marydel azalea
Scientific name: *Rhododendron 'Marydel'*
Bloom time: April-May
Size at maturity: 3'
Available in 1 gallon and 3 gallon

This azalea has beautiful gray-green foliage and intensely fragrant pale pink flowers. It does not grow as large as many of the other native azaleas, instead spreading by underground stems into a shapely shrub.

Price of 1-gal: \$12
Price of 3-gal: \$24



Common name: My Mary Azalea
Scientific name: *Rhododendron 'My Mary'*
Bloom time: April
Size at maturity: 6'
Available in 1 gallon and 3 gallon

This azalea is a cross between the Florida azalea (*Rhododendron austrinum*) and the Coastal azalea (*Rhododendron atlanticum*) and combines the best of both parents. Intensely fragrant yellow flowers.

Price of 1-gal: \$12
Price of 3-gal: \$24



Common name: Oconee azalea
Scientific name: *Rhododendron flammeum*
Bloom time: April-May
Size at maturity: 6'-8'
Available in 1 gallon and 3 gallon

Unscented blooms can be a wide range of colors from bright yellow through coral pinks to orange and bright red. Native to the deep south. For this event, we are offering a bright orange selection with excellent foliage.

Price of 1-gal: \$12
Price of 3-gal: \$24



Scientific name: Tallulah Sunrise azalea

Common name: *Rhododendron* x 'Tallulah Sunrise'

Bloom time: March-April

Size at maturity: 6'-8'

A product of the hybridizing program that brought us the Confederate azaleas from the Tom Dodd nurseries in Mobile. This azalea bears bright orange flowers. It has become a "standard" among deciduous azaleas.