

Ed Stephens Native Azalea



Perfect for use as a shrub in flowerbeds or woodland borders or other areas of the landscape that provide dappled shade or morning sun with afternoon shade. Use it as a specimen or plant several in a cluster.

Rhododendron 'Ed Stephens'

- **Use:** Vivid orange-red blooms in May on a deciduous azalea hybridized by Earl Sommerville. Full trusses make for a good show to brighten any corner of your garden.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Part sun to shade. As with other azaleas, the partial shade of tall trees overhead is the ideal. You just need to water it during times when it isn't raining enough. Plant them shallowly and mulch well to conserve moisture and suppress weeds. Grows best in moist, well-drained, organic soils with a pH range from 4.5 to 6.0. "Well-drained" is the key. Planting it in places that don't drain well is a sure death sentence.
- **Growth:** Grows 5ft. tall and 5 ft. wide. However, much variation can occur and over time could get to 10-12' tall.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 6-9b; Shrub
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Leaves up to 4" long, light green.
- **Flower:** Vivid orange flowers tend to bloom later in the season.