

Marydel Native Azalea



Perfect for use as a large shrub or small, understory tree in 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 'Marydel'

- **Use:** Found by the horticulturalist, Polly Hill, in the wild in Delaware near the Choptank River and the town of Marydel. It is believed to be a natural hybrid of *Rhododendron atlanticum* and *Rhododendron periclymenoides*. It has deep pink buds that open into 1 3/4 in., very fragrant, white flowers that have a deep pink tube and pink at the margins of the petals.
- **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:** Semi-dwarf shrub that grows 3 to 6 ft. tall and 5 to 6 ft. wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 7-8; Shrub
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Leaves up to 4" long, light green.
- **Flower:** Its fragrant flowers are deep pink in bud maturing to a pink-tinted white in April.