

Red Pepper Native Azalea



A gorgeous spring show, **fragrant**, and it attracts butterflies and other spring pollinators!

Rhododendron 'Red Pepper' (Aromi hybrid)

- **Use:** A series of azaleas hybridized for Mid-South to Deep-South weather conditions. These beautiful plants take the best traits of our popular Southern Indicas, adding new flower forms and richer colors to that group. Hybridized by Eugene Aromi in the 1960's, they have withstood the test of time in collectors' gardens. They make ideal subjects for mixed borders and shrub plantings in partial shade. Heat tolerant cultivar.
- **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. 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:** Moderate grower to 6 to 8 ft. tall, 4 to 6ft. wide in an upright habit. The flower buds develop in summer for the following spring's display, so prune shortly after flowering, if necessary. Ideally, plant them where they will not require pruning.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 6-9; Shrub
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Leaves up to 4" long, light green leaves.
- **Flower:** Flower strong red in bud, opening brilliant orange yellow, flushed with vivid red and with a vivid orange yellow blotch, tubular funnel-shaped, wavy edged, 2" across, lightly scented. Ball-shaped truss holds 20-23 flowers. Blooms early midseason.

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