

# Aphrodite Allspice/ Sweetshrub



## *Calycanthus 'Aphrodite'*

- **Use:** Looking for something a little different? You've found it in 'Aphrodite' calycanthus! Covered in big, glossy leaves, this shrub explodes with enormous cupped flowers that look a bit like a deep red magnolia. They start in early summer and continue through the season - in cooler areas, like our West Michigan trial garden, they bloom all summer long. This is a quite large shrub that needs plenty of space to look its best, but if you have the room for it, there are few better ways to use it! Deer resistant, Drought tolerant. 'Aphrodite' is a hybrid between our native *Calycanthus* and the Asian species, *xSinocalycanthus*.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Sun or shade. Highly adaptable to many soil types and grows in sun or shade, though it blooms more when grown in full sun. Native from Virginia to Florida.
- **Growth:** Grows 5-8'tall and 6' -7' wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-9, Shrub
- **Foliage:** Deciduous; Glossy, aromatic, leathery, dark-green foliage matures to a golden yellow in autumn.
- **Flower:** 'You're probably wondering if it's fragrant, and the answer is - it depends. The scent varies based on the age of the bloom, the time of day, and the flower itself. Some people say they smell like pineapple, others apples, others bubblegum, and some get no scent at all. Even if you never sense a whiff off this plant, its fabulous flowers are more than enough reward.'



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