

Frederick Douglas Rhododendron



**This fragrant
beauty is hard to
find and heat
tolerant!**



Rhododendron 'Frederick Douglas'

- **Use:** Named after a southern (Maryland) hero and one of the greatest orators of all time. The Confederate Series of deciduous azaleas was introduced by Dodd & Dodd Nurseries, Semmes, Alabama. An excellent large-flowered Exbury Azalea was crossed with the heat-tolerant, native Florida Azalea, *R. austrinum*, and the results are large-flowered, fragrant, heat tolerant cultivars.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Part sun to shade. As with other azaleas, the partial shade of tall trees overhead is the ideal. It will adapt to full-sun sites, though. 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:** Habit is upright and bushy. Grows 10-12' tall and 4-6' wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-9 Shrub
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Very lustrous dark green leaves turn orange-bronze in fall. The handsome leaves are exceptionally mildew free.
- **Flower:** The plant bears beautiful, fragrant, soft pink-flowers with a yellow flag.

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