Boursalt Catawba Rhododendron







Rhododendron catawbiense 'Boursalt'

- <u>Use:</u> Large bell-shaped trusses of lavender flowers with occasional reddish brown markings provide a spectacular display in spring. The dense, upright habit has a uniform, spreading branch structure with broad, evergreen leaves. Beautiful as an accent plant, or massed in a border or informal hedge.
- <u>Exposure/Soil</u>: Part sun to shade. As with other azaleas, the partial shade of tall trees overhead is the ideal. True to its name, swamp azalea enjoys a soggy spot but can not have its roots submerged in water. It will tolerate some drought. Grow in full sun or partial shade in acidic soil. Prune after flowering for best shape. Grows best in moist, well-drained, organic soils with a pH range from 4.5 to 6.0. "Well-drained" is the key. <u>Planting it in places that don't drain well is a sure death sentence.</u>
- **Growth**: Reaches 6 ft. tall and wide in 10 years, 15 ft. tall with age. Prune only within 1 month of flowering.
- Hardiness: Zone 4-8; Shrub
- <u>Foliage</u>: Deciduous. Leaves up to 4" long, light green leaves. Fall foliage is orange to maroon.
- <u>Flower:</u> It has violet buds that open into lavender flowers with some reddish or pale brown spots.

Prolific flowers attract butterflies and hummingbirds