

Nathan Bedford Forrest Native Azalea



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

Rhododendron x 'Nathan Bedford Forrest'

- **Use:** Part of the “Confederate Series” that is noted for its larger fragrant flowers. Nathan Bedford Forrest has large ruffled orange flowers that bloom in spring as new growth emerges and dark green foliage that turns orange-bronze in fall. These azaleas do well in the deep south heat and humidity.
- **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:** Moderate growth habit is upright and bushy. Grows 6' tall and 5-8' 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:** Features stunning, large, globe-shaped clusters of fragrant, ruffled, golden-orange flowers that glow in the garden.

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