

Samford Sorbet Native Azalea



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

Rhododendron x 'Samford Sorbet'

- **Use:** A very rare and extremely hard to find variety, Samford Sorbet stands out in the garden with its large rounded clusters of pink flowers accented with a splash of gold. In spring, the abundant flower clusters produce a delightful honeysuckle-like fragrance that fills the garden with sweet aroma. Sure to be an attraction and conversation piece in your garden as well. One of the showiest azalea selections that was introduced by David Arboretum of Auburn University.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Part sun (morning sun and afternoon shade preferred) 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:** Grows 6- 8' tall and 4-6' wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 6a-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, large pink-flowers with a gold flag. Early spring bloomer.

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