

Rhodies for the ARHS 2024 Sale from Jack Looye

LEPIDOTES

'April Gem' ([*minus* var. *minus* *Carolinianum* Group album x *mucronulatum* 'Cornell Pink'] x [*dauricum* album x *dauricum*]) 3' VE-E small white double flowers. Mehlquist. (1 in stock)

'April Rose' X 'New Patriot' No description for this hybrid, but the cross of 'April Rose' [*minus* var. *minus* *Carolinianum* Group album x *mucronulatum* 'Cornell Pink'] x [*dauricum* album x *dauricum*]) results in a very early bloomer on an upright, bushy plant requiring excellent drainage. 5' x 4' in 10 yrs. Dark mahogany red foliage. Bright double rose pink flowers. -25F while the cross of 'New Patriot' (['PJM' x *dauricum* pink form] selfed) resulted in trusses of 8 flowers open from deep red buds to vivid purplish red flowers with white anthers. The colour extends down the stems. Kelly green leaves change to copper brown in the fall Mezitt, 1979. (2 in stock)

'Blue Ray' ([Tetraploid *carolinianum* X 'Blue Diamond'] X 'Starry Night') A Looye seedlings, "a good blue" says Jack, "we plan to propagate this in the future but for now only have 2." Hardy.

'Blue Rose' ("April Rose" X *augustinii*) a Triploid, and sterile so no deadheading; a Betty Ann Adison plant out of Minnesota and should be very hardy, only a few.

'Bubblemum' A tetraploid of 'Weston's 'Aglo' (*minus* var. *minus* *Carolinianum* Group x *minus* var. *minus*) Just as hardy and more showy with larger foliage and flowers Bright clear pink with reddish eye. Early. PJM-like foliage turns burgundy in fall/winter -25F Briggs (8 in stock)

carolinianum. Dense rounded habit to 6` and wide pale pink flowers in perfect rounded trusses. Wants excellent drainage. Best in full sun (30 in stock)

'Ginny Gee' (*keiskeii* prostrate form x *racemosum*), a very dense dwarf Berg hybrid that grows 1 to 1.5 ft. tall and 1.5 to 2 ft. wide or more. Funnel-shaped flowers are white with pink mottling and fade to light pink or white. Burgundy foliage in fall/winter. (4 in stock)

Hancock's Blue' (*russatum* x 'Blue Diamond') Bright blue-purple flowers on an upright plant with clean green foliage. This plant was offered in the 2011 ARHS plant sale and after 35 years growing at the former Steele property in Boulderwood, the mother plant was 6'(1.8m) high and wide in. Needs good drainage. Tolerates half sun. Zone 6 (1 in stock)

'Jack's Blue' [(Delp's tetraploid *carolinianum* x *fastigiatum*) x 'Blue Ridge'] A hybrid from Jack Looye. Large purple-blue flowers with good foliage. Vigorous. Compact, rounded habit to 4' (1.2m) high. Zone 6, probably colder. (1 in stock)

'Kick Off' ('Delp's Pink *carolinianum*' later named 'Achiever' X *mucronulatum*,) A Delp plant with large trusses, named by Allen Anderson (New Jersey) and grown by Jack since the early eighties. Evergreen and super hardy. only have a few plants.

'Midnight' very black-green leaves with dark grey-pink flowers; very hardy, a Weston hybrid (1 in stock)
mucronulatum – 'Cornell Pink' X 'Woodland Pink'. 'Cornell Pink' has soft pink flowers (with absolutely no magenta) that appear in great profusion before the leaves, forming a cloud of unimaginable beauty. The small, delicate leaves turn lovely shades of gold or burnt orange in the fall. The plant's compact habit (4–6', and taller than wide) recommends it for a wide range of uses. This deciduous form originated at Cornell University. Very hardy. (20 in stock)

'Olga Mezzit' aka 'Olga' (*minus* var. *minus* Compact form x *dauricum*) Masses of ball-shaped trusses of clear pink flowers that do not fade. Blooms slightly later than 'PJM' Dark **green** foliage turns bronzy-

copper in the fall. Dense mounded but upright habit 4' (1.2m) high and 3' (.9m) wide in 10 years. Does best in full sun. Hardy to -25F (-32C) (20 in stock)

'PJM' selected from a seedling population resulting from a cross between *carolinianum* x *mucronulatum*. Evergreen with small glossy green foliage throughout the growing season, changing to purple in the fall, and clusters of lavender flowers. Hardy in zone 4. Developed by Weston Nurseries' Peter J. Mezitt and his son in the 1930s to be exceptionally winter hardy. Growing 3 to 6 feet tall and wide, these rhododendrons prefer partial shade and protection from strong winds. They grow well in moist, acidic soils but do not like wet feet. If you have clay soil, amend it with organic material and plant the root ball high in the soil to help with drainage issues. Avoid overwatering and over-fertilizing. Pruning, if desired, may be done after flowering. This plant is resistant to browsing by rabbits. This is a super hardy form from Minnesota. (1 in stock)

Pink Chiffon' Resembles 'April Mist in flower with blush double flowers; from Minnesota. (1 in stock)

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adenogynum 3 ft. in 10 years. -15°F (-26°C) Midseason Leaves narrowly elliptic to elliptic, leathery, 2½" to 4" long, yellowish to brown indumentum, retained 2 to 4 years. Broadly upright to spreading. Funnel shaped, white, white tinged pink, or pink, sometimes spotted purple. Loose truss holds 4 -12 flowers. Geographical Origin: China W Yunnan, NW Yunnan, SW Sichuan, SE Tibet. (3 in stock)

'America' bred by Koster & Sons of Boskoop, Netherlands using Rhododendron 'Parsons Grandiflorum' as the seed parent and an unnamed dark red rhododendron hybrid as the pollen parent. Its openly funnel-shaped flowers are purplish-red with a slight bluish cast and dark red spotting. It has an open sprawling habit that will perform better when grown in a sunnier site and grows 4 to 6 ft. tall and wide Since its release in 1902, 'America' has been used as a parent plant for many other hybrids. (7 in stock)

'Amanda' came to Jack in 2020, maybe from Bruce Clyburn, and is a nice pink. (1 in stock).

'Anna Hall' ('Catalglá' x yak) 3'. Semi-dwarf. M. Pink in bud fading to white. -25F Leach. early June. (3 in stock)

aureum X 'Bosutch' Large frilly white flowers with green blotch on a very compact plant, blooms Early, very floriferous, very pretty, 3 Years old. *aureum* is a prostrate to mounding dwarf shrub with a creeping habit. Extremely hardy and relatively slow growing – not tolerant of hot and humid summers. The flowers (early spring) vary in color from cream to pale yellow, often with darker spots. A rarely cultivated species that is ideal for the rock garden or a trough. 'Bosutch' is (Boule de Neige' x *sutchuenense*), an old Gable hybrid with conical trusses of pale pink flowers fading to white with dark red spotting. Tall growing. (8 in stock)

'Barbara Hall' X *sutchuenense*. A John Weagle hybrid, 3 Years Old. 'Barbara Hall' is ('Road Red' x 'Prelude'), a Dick Steele hybrid. Conical-shaped trusses of large pink flowers with paler centers and a dark flare. Tall growing to 8' (2.4m) or more. Bud hardy to -10F (-23C). 'Road Red' is the name given by Steele to the parent plant located on the property most recently known as the Upper Clements Theme Park close to the Cornwallis Naval Base where Steele was Commander. *sutchuenense* is a large and magnificent species with bold foliage approaching the "big-leaf" species in size. Very large and showy pink to mauve-pink to white-flushed pink flowers with a yellow throat in early spring. Probably the hardiest of the larger-leaved species, prefers light shade or woodland conditions. A real stunner in the early spring garden. (8 in stock)

'Blue Heaven' (*yak x pachysanthum*) a dwarf with beautiful blue-grey foliage, white flowers, very choice, does great in the garden. Only a few. Wilgenhof. (2 in stock)

brachycarpum X obiculaire nice foliage plant with pink flowers, 3 years old. *brachycarpum* is a robust shrub 6 to 10 ft high; young shoots downy. Leaves narrowly oblong, 4 or 5 in. long, 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 in. wide; with a short, abrupt tip and a rounded base; upper surface glabrous, the lower one more or less felted; stalk 1/2 to 3/4 in. long, very stout. Flowers creamy white, flushed with pink, or yellowish, up to twenty in a rounded cluster 4 to 6 in. across; rachis up to 1 1/4 in. long, Corolla 2 in. across, broadly funnel-shaped, five-lobed, the lobes broad and rounded, the three upper ones spotted with brownish or greenish yellow. Native of Japan at subalpine elevations, descending to near sea-level in Hokkaido; also of the Kuriles and Korea; introduced to Britain towards the end of the last century. Very hardy, valued in regions too cold for most of the species, and much used in hybridizing. *Obiculaire* is a shrub or small tree, dense in sun, leggy in shade with campanulate, deep pink to purplish rose flowers in a truss with 7-10 flowers. Blooms Early Midseason to Midseason. Leaves ovate to orbicular, up to 5" long, base cordate, lower surface glabrous. 3 ft.in 10 Yrs 0°F (-18°C) Geographical Origin: China Sichuan, Guangxi (3 in stock)

'Brachy-Roseum' *brachycarpum* var. Roseum, very dwarf with blush flowers, very hardy (2 in stock)

'Bellefontaine' (*fortuneii* ssp *fortuneii* x *smirnowii*. -15F. Very tall (14+ feet) in 40 years. Pleasantly scented, rose-opal fading to lighter rose flowers are borne in large trusses above the foliage. Late. Very good plant form but only comes into its own after 8 to 10 years. A Kentville introduction. Don Craig wrote that the cross was made by Radcliffe (Rad) Pike, who took Craig "to the Reeve Point Garden in Bar Harbor where I was to view the hardiest and best *R. fortunei* specimen that he knew. Rad crossed this *fortunei* with a superior selection of *R. smirnowii*. Pike's records of the New Hampshire rhododendron and azalea breeding programme state that this *smirnowii* came from plants, and the *fortunei* from seed, from the Edinburgh Botanic Gardens, Edinburgh Scotland via Reeve Point Gardens, Bar Harbour, Maine. At a later date Rad sent a number of the seedlings of his *fortunei* x *smirnowii* cross to Kentville where they developed into very large and beautiful showpieces". (8 in stock)

'Blue Peter' a hardy old variety, popular for many years. 4.5 ft (1.4 m), often wider than tall. Leaves elliptic, acute apex, concave, glossy, matte dark green, Lavender flowers with a prominent purple/black blotch (flare) and very frilled margin, about 7 cm wide, stamens unequal and white-hairy at the base; about 15 flowers per tight, conical clusters. -15°F. Midseason. Sun and heat tolerant, vigorous, cold hardy, and easily propagated. Especially popular in the eastern U.S., but also popular with weevils. Hybridizer: Waterer and Crisp, unknown parentage, introduced in the mid-1930s. Received the Royal Horticulture Society's Award of Garden Merit in 1993. (5 in stock)

'Bohmen' Probably a selection of *dichroanthum* ssp. *scypocalyx*. Compact and dense. Height 90 cm in 10 years. Glossy, dark green leaves. Orange flowers. Found by W. Wüstemeyer at Pruhonice, Czech Republic, as an unlabelled plant of unknown origin, S: W. Wüstemeyer (1974), I: W. Wüstemeyer (c. 1985). -13°F, -25°C (3 in stock)

'Brown Eyes' (*fortunei* ssp *fortunei* hybrid) 5', -15 F M Greer says "an excellent plant for that hot spot in the garden. The showy trusses are made of melon pink flowers with distinctive golden brown flares. The foliage is fir green" Dexter & Bosley. (2 in stock)

'Bud's Yellow' A beautiful plant with glossy foliage and some *yak* in its background; has been amazingly hardy for us on the North Mountain with no damage after -27C; sports darker yellow trusses. From Bud Gehrigh, Long Island. (4 in stock)

'Capistrano' A complex Leach hybrid. Soft, clear, pale/good deep yellow frilled blooms form round trusses on a compact well-branched plant with excellent dark green foliage. 1.5x 2m 5' Med.-size plant H1 Zone 6. Hardy to -25 F (4 in stock)

'Charles Loomis' A hybrid of 'English Roseum' x *hyperythrum* with blush pink flowers fading to white in May. Very heat tolerant 4 x 5 ft plant of rounded habit with narrow 5"-long dark green leaf. Partial shade. Thornton (1 in stock)

'Charme La' X ('April Rose' X 'New Patriot') no description for this cross but 'Charme La' = (carolinianum x pemakoense) and has large pale-pink flowers held in lax trusses. Early and free flowering. Spreading habit to 2.5 x 3`in 20 years. Bred in NB by Brueckner Bud hardy to -15F -26C and plant hardy to -25F-32C (4 in stock)

'County of York' (*Catawbiense* Album' x 'Loderi King George') Leaves elliptic, convex, up to 10" long, glossy, dark green. Sprawling, open growth habit. Flowers broadly funnel-shaped, 4" across, white with olive-green blotch in throat. Held in dome-shaped trusses of 13 flowers. Prefers light shade. Midseason to Late Midseason 6 feet in 10 years. -15°F-26°C a Gable hybrid. (8 in stock)

'Dolly Madison' To 7' tall; hardy to -20 degrees F.; midseason blooming; Flowers white with reddish-brown dorsal blotch, openly campanulate, 5-lobed, 3 1/4" across, held in full trusses of 12 to 13 flowers. Leaves flat, dark green, semi-glossy; average foliage density. 5 winter interest (David G. Leach, 1971). USDA Hardiness Zone 5 (4 in stock)

'Edith Pride' ('English Roseum' x *maximum*) A very hardy, July-blooming Pride hybrid. Flowers are pink with pale yellow spotting and are borne in ball-shaped trusses of 22. Dark green, very attractive, disease and insect-resistant foliage is retained for 3 years. Rounded, well-branched habit to 5' (1.5m) high in 10 years. Full Sun to Partial Shade Zone 4b -31.7 °C -25 °F to -28.9 °C -20 °F (3 in stock)

'Elegant Candy' ('Brio' X 'Trinity' X 'Furnival's Daughter') Compact, very hardy, very floriferous. 'Brio' = ('Powell Glass' X 'Furnival's Daughter'). Flowers come out blush pink with a red-maroon blotch, turn white and keep the blotch. A Looye introduction. (1 in stock)

'English Roseum' 6' -25F rosy lavender flowers Waterer c1900 (3 in stock)

'Francesca' ('Britannia x 'Dexter 202') Tough, red, and big. Large red-black flowers in large trusses. Very vigorous with and upright-open habit suited to the rear of a planting. Grows 10' or more. Best in light shade as flwrs may scorch in full sun. Zone 6. MLate. -10F (4 in stock)

'Gordon Jones' ('Sappho' x *yakushmanum* 'Exbury Form') Strong purplish pink buds open pale purple to white, with a large purple flare. Trusses ball-shaped. Silvery new growth. Compact habit. To 6'h x 4.5 w in 18 years. Hardy to -23C -10F. (4 in stock)

'Great Eastern' a (*Fortunea* subsect. hybrid) ML. 5' in 10 yrs. Fragrant. Very ruffled. Deep purplish pink petals. -15F Dexter, 1943. (3 in stock)

'Great Gatsby' ('Janet Blair' x Phipps No. 84) A Werner Brack hybrid with dome-shaped trusses of large white flowers with a strong red throat and spotting. Forms a dense upright shrub to 7'(2.1m) high x 5'(1.5m) wide in 20 years. Zone 6b (2 in stock)

'Goldkrone' ([*wardii* var. *wardii* x 'Alice Street'] x 'Hachmann's Marina') A robust evergreen shrub forming a mound of neat foliage, to 1.5m tall, and over a long period in late spring produces trusses of funnel-shaped, bright yellow flowers, to 7cm in length, speckled- red on the inside. Flower funnel-shaped, 2" to 2¾" across, light greenish yellow, tinted lighter with sparse dark red spotting on dorsal lobe. Held in compact truss of 16-18 flowers. -5°F -21°C Hans Hachmann. RHS 1983 (1 in stock)

'Harrisville' ('Newport F4' selection Conical truss of 16 openly funnel-shaped, 2¾" across, reddish-purple flowers shading to light purple with a white dorsal flare and brilliant greenish yellow dorsal spots. Late Midseason Leaves broadly acute apex, cuneate base, 5" long. Height in 10 Yrs: 3 ft. -25°F -32°C Weldon E Delp, Harrisville, Pennsylvania, USA, 1952 ARS 931 (3 in stock)

'Indian Harbour' Walter Ostrom's hybrid (*R. brachycarpum* x *R. aureum*) x *R. campylocarpum* ssp. *caloxanthum*) Registered by Jamie Ellison (2 in stock)

'Ingrid Mehlquist' ('Besse Howells' x *yakushmanum*) Pink flowers in tight round trusses quickly fade to white dotted with burgundy. Upright trusses are small and graceful. Floriferous. Very attractive foliage with light indumentum. Compact, well-branched, rounded-spreading habit to 3' x 4' in 25 yrs. Zone 5 (4 in stock)

'John T. Meagher'. (*brachycarpum* Tigerstedtii Group x "Mrs. T. H. Lowinsky") Large trusses of white flowers with a dark brown blotch sit on top of lush dark green foliage. Dense habit to 5' (1.5m) x 8' (2.4m) wide in 10 years. Grown by the late John Meagher from a cross by Dave Hinton. Buds are hardy to -10F (-23C) but were blasted in the 2023 polar vortex event. (3 in stock)

'Lavender Princess' (probably *fortunei* ssp. *fortunei* and/or *catawbiense* or *ponticum* or both) 4' compact dense plant, dark green leaves Dexter-Bosley before 1950. (4 in stock)

'Lionel's Red Shield' ('America' x 'Carmen') An excellent Brueckner hybrid with bright dark red flowers and olivegreen foliage. Plant forms a dense dome-shaped mound to 12' (.3m) high x 3' (.9m) wide. Choice and rare. Needs excellent drainage and probably a site sheltered from winter sun. Plant hardy to at least -25°F-31°C, buds to -15°F. (1 in stock)

'Lovechild' white and pink picotee, survives on the North Mountain and has bloomed but seems to need a little milder spot. Should do well in SW NS. Hank Shannon. (2 in stock)

maximum* x *fortunei no description for this cross but *maximum*, commonly called rosebay or great laurel, is a large, upright, loose, multi-stemmed, late-blooming, evergreen shrub native to North America from Ontario and Nova Scotia south to Ohio, Alabama and Georgia with a concentration of plants in the southern Appalachian Mountains where it typically grows in dense thickets which dominate the understory in some locations. It typically grows to 5-15' tall, but infrequently to 30-40' tall in the heart of its native habitat. Large, leathery, strap-like, evergreen leaves (typically to 4-8" long) have undersides with a hint of rusty orange. Flowers (to 2" across) are rose-purplish to pink to white, often with olive green to orange spots. Flowers bloom in umbel-like inflorescences from June to early July. Fruit is an oblong seed capsule which splits open when ripe to release numerous seed. *Fortunei* ssp. *fortunei* is a large and vigorous, upright evergreen shrub with smooth, bright green and glossy foliage. The large and showy fragrant flowers (late spring) are bright pink, providing a grand display. This is an easily grown, floriferous garden plant with heat and cold tolerance. One of the best all-around species. (2 in stock)

'Minas Grand Pre' (*catawbiense* 'Compactum' x *williamsianum*). A profusion of pink bell-shaped flowers in loose trusses. Small oval leaves emerge with a bronze tone and age to dark green. IN full sun it forms a perfect dense, compact, mounded shape and grows to 3' (.9m) tall in 10 yrs. drought sensitive Zone 5b. A Kentville-George Swain hybrid. (2 in stock)

'Mountain Marriage' *maximum* x *degronianum* ssp *yakushmanum* Ball-shaped truss with about 20 light yellowish-pink funnel-shaped flowers, wavy edges, 1¾" across. Blooms Late Midseason. Leaves elliptic, flat, acute apex, cuneate base, 6" long, glossy above, white indumentum turns tan as leaves mature. Leaves retained 3 years. 3 feet in 10 years. -10°F-23°C Kehr ARS 944 (4 in stock)

oreodoxa hybrids. The species is open, upright, free-flowering. Openly campanulate flowers are white, white flushed lavender to pink, rosy lilac, often spotted purple. Truss holds 6-12 flowers. Early. Leaves narrowly elliptic to oblanceolate-elliptic, up to 3½" long. Well-drained soil. China (Sichuan) 3,00 ft. Upright to bushy shrub or small tree 5 feet in 10 years. -5°F -21°C. (2 in stock)

'Pearce's American Beauty' *R. catawbiense* ('Mrs Charles S. Sargent'? x' Dr. H.C. Dresselhuys'?) Deep rose-red, yellow-spotted flowers 2.5" dia. flowers in 5-6" dia. umbel-like racemes, appearing in late May at Purdue University Arboretum. Alternate, simple, thick, dark green 3-5" leaves are whitish glabrous

beneath. Somewhat cupped. 6 feet x 6 feet Requires moist, cool, acidic, well drained, organic soil; avoid harsh, dry, windswept sites. Flower color bleaches out in high pH. Subject to winter burning of foliage in exposed sites near the limits of its range. Hardy to -28.8 °C (-20 °F) Susceptible to a large number of pests and diseases, which can largely be prevented by good cultural practices. (2 in stock)

'Peter Tigerstedt' Re-named for the US and Canadian markets as 'Peter Tigerstedt', 'P. M. A. Tigerstedt' is named after Professor Peter M. A. Tigerstedt, who directed the rhododendron and azalea breeding programme at Helsinki University in co-operation with Arboretum Mustila, 1973-2000. The cross was achieved by putting pollen from a white-flowered form of the *Catawba* rhododendron (*R. catawbiense* var. album 'Glass') onto the Mustila rhododendron (*R. brachycarpum* var. *tigerstedtii*). The white upper petal has a dark violet blotch, creating an eye-catching effect. 'P. M. A. Tigerstedt' is very hardy and adapts well to a variety of conditions, even to a degree of dryness. In ten years it reaches about 1.5 metres. In shady spots it often becomes straggly, good light improves the shape. (5 in stock)

'Purpureum Elegans' *catawbiense* hybrid or selection. Dome-shaped truss holds 16-18 purple funnel-shaped flowers, 2¾" across, marked brown on a light background. Blooms Midseason. Leaves elliptic to obovate-lanceolate, up to 5" long, deep green, very thinly felted below. Robust, upright, well-branched shrub. 5 feet in 10 years Hardiness -25°F -32°C Hybridized or Selected by Waterer, H. RHS 58 (10 in stock)

'R.A.S.' (*yak* x 'Road Red') a Capt. Steele hybrid which he wrote about in the Oct 2006 issue of *AtlanticRhodo*, "the rhododendron hybrid BLWD #72-2 has been recently named in memory of our son who died of cancer five years ago. His name and mine are the same and in order to avoid confusion and conflict, the plant name is rhododendron 'R.A.S.' This plant and R. 'Barbara Hall', as well as two others which will be named in 2007, are from crosses made about 1961-62. They have proved to be very fine plants, despite an unintended and unpretentious background." (18 in stock)

'Razorbill' *spinuliferum* seedling with tubular-shaped flowers, about ½" across, near pale purplish-pink, with variable darker pink overtones held in conical-shaped truss with 6-12 flowers Blooms Early Midseason Leaves ovate, ¾" to 2" long, dull, dark green, ciliate, scaly underneath. Vigorous plant, grows wider than tall. 2 feet tall in 10 years. Cold Hardiness Temp: 0°F (-18°C) Peter Cox. RHS 76 (1 in stock)

'Ring's Monarch' ('Newburyport Belle' x 'Graf Zeplin'). Beautiful, large, fragrant, pink blooms on a plant with good foliage. A Tom Ring hybrid. Hardy to -15F/-26C. (1 in stock)

'Roseum Elegans' *R. catawbiense*, commonly called Catawba rhododendron or mountain rosebay, is a large, rounded to spreading, multi-stemmed, broadleaf evergreen shrub that typically grows to 6-10' (rarely to 20') tall. It is native to the eastern U.S. from Maryland to Kentucky south to Alabama and Georgia, with concentrations in alpine woodlands, rocky slopes and ridges in the Appalachian Mountains from Virginia to Georgia where it often forms dense thickets. Alternate, elliptic to oblong, glossy, dark green leaves (to 3-6" long). Funnel-shaped lavender-pink flowers have green to yellow-brown throat markings. Flowers bloom mid to late spring in compact showy terminal clusters (trusses), each containing 15-20 flowers. Flowers are followed by elongated dry seed capsules (each to 1/2 to 1" long) which mature in fall. Gray-brown bark develops fine scales with age. Provides shelter and nesting sites for birds and wildlife. Flowers are a nectar source for butterflies. This shrub is an important parent of a large number of frost-hardy hybrids. Hardiness Zone: 4 – 8 (10 in stock)

'Roslyn' 'Purpureum Elegans' x *Everestianum* Broadly funnel-shaped flowers, wavy edges, 2¼" across, light purple shading to a lighter center, with deep greenish yellow dorsal spotting. Ball-shaped truss has 12 flowers. Blooms Late Midseason. Leaves elliptic, apiculate apex, rounded base, 5" long, moderate olive green, retained 2 years. Rounded habit. 4 feet in 10 years. -10°F -23°C Vossberg ARS 734 (5 in stock)

'Scintillation' An old and popular Dexter hybrid with ball-shaped trusses of purple-pink flowers with paler centers and yellow-green flare on a dense mounded plant to 5' high and spreading wider. Zone 6. (5 in stock)

'Sandra Hinton' [*brachycarpum* Tigerstedtii Group x (*smirnowii* x *yakushmanum*)] An extremely hardy to at least -30 F, late-blooming hybrid from Dave Hinton in Orono, Ontario. Strong pink buds open to pale pink flowers with light green spotting. Dark green foliage with light indumentum 5' (1.5 m) high and wide in 12 years. (5 in stock)

'Sandra Hinton' X 'Casanova' An unregistered and unnamed cross by Dave Hinton with an upright habit, very nice glossy foliage, and large light yellow flowers; a good hybridizing plant for yellows with super hardiness. 'Casanova' is a 1985 Leach hybrid (Newburyport Belle" x 'Good Hope') Pink buds open to pale yellow flowers with a strong orange flare on the dorsal lobe. Attractive glossy elliptical foliage. A well-shaped plant. 4' in 10 years. -25F. (1 in stock)

'Show Off' ('Charme La' X 'Epoch') Plant has large foliage and lots of vigour; large pink flowers with a white throat; very hardy. A Weldon Delp hybrid. 'Charme La' is described elsewhere in this list. 'Epoch' is a Kehr hybrid: a tetraploid; *minus* var *minus Carolinianum* Group. Flowers are saucer-shaped, frilly edges, 2¼" to 2½" across, white with green spotting. Age to light blush pink. Ball-shaped truss holds 812 flowers. Blooms Midseason Leaves narrowly obovate, acute apex, rounded base, 3½" to 4" long, dark green. Rounded habit. 3 feet in 10 years. -10°F -23°C ARS 733 (6 in stock)

smirnowii upright spreading shrub, typically maturing to 5-6' tall, but may rise to as much as 12' tall (and to 20' tall in the native habitat, the pine/spruce forests up to and slightly above tree line in the Caucasus). Species plants are known for having good winter hardiness, indumented foliage, and frilled corollas. Hybridizers have used this rhododendron as a parent to take advantage of the aforementioned characteristics. Pale pink to rose purple funnel-shaped flowers (2-3" across) with frilly pink margins bloom in rounded clusters (trusses of 9-12). Oblong to oblanceolate leaves (to 6" long) are covered with tomentum on top and indumented below with white to silvery hairs which often age to brownish-white or orange-brown or gray. This covering of fine woolly hairs protect the leaf from water loss and extreme temperatures. The tomentum on new leaves gradually disappears as the summer progresses leaving a dark green leaf, but the indumentum below remains throughout the year. Baron Ungern-Sternberg discovered this plant in 1885 in the Caucasian Mountains and named it after a friend, M. Smirnov, hence the specific epithet and common name. (1 in stock)

'Smir-bur'. Hardier than Teddy bear but similar, very indumented and compact (10 in stock)

'Sweet Changeable You'. ('Whitney's Red' X' Casanova') compact plant habit, blooms open red and slowly fades to orange-yellow, has and no damage after -27 C. A Looye introduction, to be registered this year. (4 in stock)

'Taurus' ('Jean Marie de Montague' x *strigillosum*) 6' in 10 yrs -5F EM deep red buds in winter (3 in stock)

'Tantramar' siblings ('Catalgla' x 'Treasure') Brueckner hybrids with vibrant-pink flowers edged darker reddish pink. Bloom in early May. Beautiful dark green oval foliage on a dense compact mounded plant. Red buds and petioles To 3'(.9m) high and wide in 15 years. Zone5b (8 in stock)

'Teddy Bear' (Lem's *bureavii* x *yak*) Exceptional foliage is dark lustrous green with beautiful thick rust-coloured indumentum. Flowers are white blushed pink in large dome-shaped trusses. Free-flowering & early. Dense foliage on a compact, rounded, spreading plant. Grows to 5' (1.5m) high. Zone 5. (10 in stock)

'Tennisball' (*brachycarpum* x 'White Peter') white flowers with black lines in the center and a tight truss, hardy to -35F Minnesota. (1 in stock)

'The Pink Ribbons' ('Paprika Spiced' x 'Jezebel') Named as such by hybridizer, Gene Cockeram, with permission of the Am. Cancer Society. At 15 years, the plant was a little taller than wide, approximately 1.2 m (four feet) tall and quite dense. A truss of 'The Pink Ribbons' was entered in the Portland, Oregon Mother's Day show in 2009, where it won the trophy for the "never before shown" hybrid class. Proceeds from sales of R. 'The Pink Ribbons' to be donated for breast cancer research. (2 in stock)

'Whitney's Dwarf Red'. An evergreen shrub to about 1m high, with ovate, slightly twisted, glossy dark green leaves. Produces rounded clusters of broadly funnel-shaped red flowers, in mid to late spring. H: 3'-6' W: 3'-6' Zones 7a-9b (3 in stock)

'World Peace' ('Catalpa' X 'Graf Zeppelin') strong grower; large trusses, light pink blooms, very Hardy Dr. Tom Ring. (3 in stock)

'Yellow Gate' hybridized by the Dexter Estate Superintendent J.C. Cowles in the 1960s, begins its bloom with coral pink buds that open into vibrant yellow petals. Dexter's breeding goals were hardiness, clear bright colors, fragrance, and big blossoms. Records indicated he used in his crosses: R *decorum* R. *fortunei* (dominant species in his work) R. *griersonianum* R. *haematodes*. His plants are typically hardy to -10 but flower buds are hardy to about 5 degrees above. (3 in stock)

yakushimanum 'Mist Maiden' -25 F EM One of the larger forms of *yak*, selected by David Leach, considered by some as a hybrid. Glossy dark green leaves, undersides thick with woolly brown indumentum. Funnel shaped flowers apple blossom pink turning white. (4 in stock)

***yak* X 'Moonstone'** a Steele hybrid, BPT 78-7A, with very pale pink flowers quickly fading to creamy white in profusion on a superb low tight mounded plant. Long lasting bloom. Beautiful dark green foliage. Bloom time early to mid-May Zone 6. 'Moonstone' is a *williamsianum* hybrid covered in creamy white bell-shaped flowers in late April and early May. It has the compact habit, small round leaves and coppery new growth characteristic of *williamsianum* crosses. (8 in stock)

***yak-aureum* X 'Babylon'** No description for this hybrid but *yak* and *aureum* are described elsewhere in this list. 'Babylon' is (*calophytum* x *praevernium*) Its large fragrant (nutmeg) satiny white flowers with a chocolate blotch appear just as spring begins. Large lustrous leaves with deep red petioles and red buds are a winter joy. A large, dome-shaped and well-branched tree. Considered by Greer the best of the *calophytum* hybrids Reuthe, 1955. (4 in stock)

AZALEAS, DECIDUOUS

'Fiery Red'. (5 in stock)

'Millennium' ('Weston's Sparkler' x 'Westons Parade') Flower tubular funnel-shaped, broadly spread lobes, wavy edges, 1¾" across, inside strong red with pale orange dorsal flare, outside vivid red. Dome-shaped truss holds 6 flowers. Fragrant. Blooms August/ Very Late. Leaves obovate, broadly acute apex, cuneate base, up-curved margins, 2" long, semi-glossy, dark bluish green. Mildew resistant. 4 feet in 10 years. Hardiness -20°F (-29°C) ARS 992 (10 in stock)

AZALEAS, EVERGREEN

'Phyllis Moore' Vigorous and very hardy, double white flowers. Spring blooming (3 in stock)

'Prides Red' Very hardy red with a hint of orange. Spring blooming (4 in stock)