

Summersweet, Sweetpepper bush
Clethra alnifolia



Habit and Form

- an upright deciduous shrub
- 5' to 8' tall and 4' to 6' wide
- multistemmed and suckering; can form colonies
- sometimes with little foliage at the base of plants in shady locations
- dense foliage in exposed locations
- rounded to oval shape

Flowers

- numerous, small white flowers held in racemes
- nicely fragrant

Culture

- prefers moist, acidic soil with organic matter
- transplant from container or B&B
- may be slow to establish and some twig tip dieback may occur during the first winter.
- relatively easy to grow
- full sun to partial shade
- avoid hot, dry sites