



## GEORGIA POLLINATOR PLANT OF THE YEAR WINNER Summer Bloomer Category

Sweet Pepperbush  
*Clethra alnifolia*

**ABOUT ME:** Sweet Pepperbush is a small, deciduous and densely branched shrub. Panicles of white flowers give way to persistent seed heads in the fall.

**PROPAGATION:** Propagate by seeds or softwood cuttings. Seeds don't require any pre-treatment and germinate best on sand. Softwood cuttings will root with or without rooting hormone under mist.

**GROWING CONDITIONS:** Prefers moist sites and performs fantastically in poorly-drained soils. Thrives in full sun or shade.

**CONSERVATION VALUE:** Supports many native bees and other pollinators. Birds and other animals feed on the seeds in fall and winter.

**CONSUMER APPEAL:** Flowers provide an intoxicating fragrance in the summer when most other plants have stopped blooming. Will bloom well even in shade. This is a great plant for rain gardens.



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