

Roseshell Azalea 'Marie Hoffman' (*Rhododendron roseum*)

4-8' deciduous shrub with open loosely branched habit.

Roseshell Azalea is a CT native, found in open woodlands, north-facing slopes, stream banks.

'Marie Hoffman' is a prime variety.

Delightfully clove-scented trusses of 1½-2" brilliant-pink funnel-shaped May flowers, much larger than the species.

Bluish-green leaves, red-bronze in fall.

Part shade to sun, high dappled shade best.
Moist well-drained acidic soil, humus-rich preferred.
Likes organic mulch.
Very hardy.

Use as specimen, in foundations, masses, groups, woodlands, shrub borders.

Habitat for hummingbirds, butterflies.
Special value to bumblebees.

Streamside buffers.



Photos
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