



Bog Rosemary (*Andromeda polifolia*)

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A native, woody shrub found in temperate regions of Europe and North America. It is a clumping plant with blue-green evergreen needles. Its small pink flowers are bell shaped and appear in nodding clusters at the top of an umbel. It is a good selection for rain gardens. **This plant can be toxic to humans in large quantities if boiled.**

Type	Native perennial shrub
Hardiness Zone	2 - 6
Sun	Partial shade - full sun
Bloom Time	June - July
Height	8 inches to 3 feet
Spread	1' - 2'
Tolerance	Can be found in a wetland or bog areas
Additional Features	Very showy flower for gardens

Soil and Site Recommendations

- Drainage: moist with good drainage
- Soil pH: <6.0
- Soil: loam (silty), strong acid soil or organic peats

Planting Recommendations

- Propagated through seed or stem cutting.
- Spread: plants spread by suckers/rhizomes.
- Growth rate: very slow

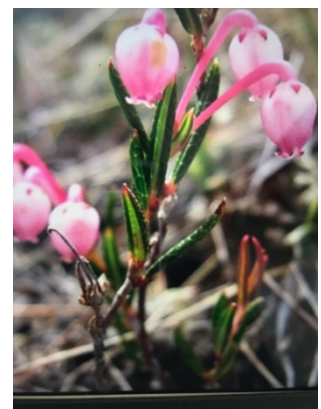
Maintenance

- Watering: well-drained, moist soil
- Fertilization: little or none
- Maintenance: requires little maintenance

Common Problems

Disease: None known

Insects: None known



Resources

Questions or problems: check “What’s wrong with my plant” at:

<https://apps.extension.umn.edu/garden/diagnose/plant/>

<https://plants.ces.ncsu.edu>

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