

Cultural Information – Clethra
 (KLEE-thra)

<u>Light:</u>	Full to partial sun, a southern, eastern, or western exposure.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Hardy to sub zero temperatures.
<u>Humidity:</u>	Humidity is not an issue in culture.
<u>Watering:</u>	Prefers damp soil. Often found growing in and around wetlands. Can be cultivated in upland soil. Watch watering until it is established.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	Little if any fertilizer is needed for culture.
<u>Pruning:</u>	Plants can be pruned in early spring before growth initiates to maintain height. The flowering occurs on current year's growth so pruning early will not affect flowering. The plants also can get a bit open and loose so some pruning will help maintain form.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	Few problems with insects or diseases.
<u>Comments</u>	Clethra or "Sweet Pepper Bush" is a wonderfully fragrant plant for the temperate garden and although it is generally found growing in wet soil it will do well once established in most gardens. The flowers arrive in midsummer and are a favorite to pollinators. lethra or "Sweet Pepper Bush" is a wonderfully fragrant plant for the temperate garden and although it is generally found growing in wet soil it will do well once established in most gardens. The flowers arrive in midsummer and are a favorite to pollinators.