Purple Flowering Raspberry

*Rubus odoratus*

**Unique Characteristics**

A suckering shrub that is tolerant of a wide range of conditions. The large, fragrant blooms attract pollinators, while the fruit is sought by wildlife. Maple-like, dark leaves become pale yellow in fall.

**Plant Type:** Shrub

**Native Range:** Eastern North America

**Sun:** Full sun to part shade

**Water:** Medium

**Soil:** Gravelly, sandy, or deep forest loams

**pH:** <6.8

**Height:** 3-6 feet

**Spread:** 6-12 feet

**Wildlife:** Very high benefit for songbirds, game birds, and large and small mammals, special value to bees, provides nest materials for native bees.

**Hardiness Zones:** 4-6

**Bloom Time:** June, July, August

**Bloom Color:** Pink, Purple

**Uses:** Best in shade gardens, shrub borders, native plant gardens or wild or naturalized areas.

*Photos courtesy of Judy Semroc (above), Bill Hendricks (below left), and Bobbie Schwarz (below right)*

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