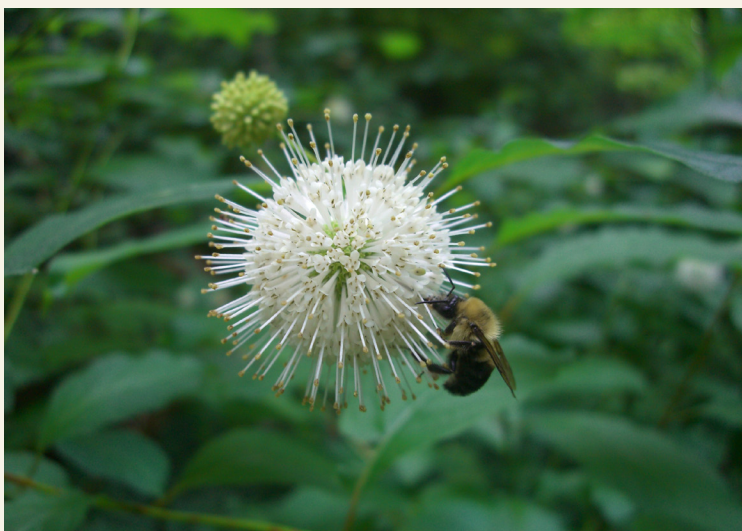




Buttonbush

Cephalanthus occidentalis



Photos courtesy of Ann McCulloh (top), Bobbie Schwartz (bottom left), and Constance Hausman (bottom right)

Unique Characteristics

Shrub or small tree with showy flowers and fruit that grow well under diverse conditions and provide winter interest. Pruning is usually not necessary. Bees and butterflies use nectar for honey.

Plant Type:	Deciduous shrub
Native Range:	North America and Cuba
Sun:	Full sun to part shade
Water:	Medium to wet
Soil:	Sandy, loamy soils and favors acidic or neutral soils
pH:	4.7 to 8.6
Height:	5 to 12 feet
Spread:	4 to 8 feet
Wildlife:	Seeds eaten by waterfowl
Hardiness Zones:	5 to 9
Bloom Time:	June
Bloom Color:	White flowers
Companion Plant:	Black Willow (<i>Salix nigra</i>)
Uses:	Erosion control along shorelines, popular choice for use in native plant gardens and water gardens

