

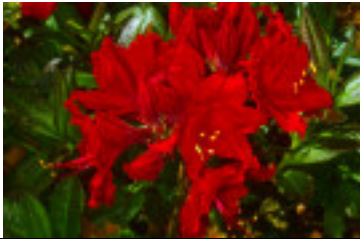








# Descriptions of Cultivars in the 2015 Annual Sale

## Deciduous Azaleas


<p>Baltic Amber</p> 	<p>Amber-gold flowers in early June grace this wide-upright growing plant. An additional season-long ornamental feature is the striking blue-green mildew resistant foliage. From Weston's nursery. Good for zones 5 to 8.</p>
<p>Candy Lights</p> 	<p>A Northern Lights azalea for cold climates, but others also admire its dome-shaped trusses, each holding 8-10 light pink flowers, streaked with pale yellow. Mid to late spring brings extremely fragrant blooms on a very hardy &amp; disease resistant plant of moderate growth rate. Reaches 5-6 ft tall x 3-5 ft wide, full sun to partial shade, deciduous, purple fall foliage. Zone 4 3' to 5' tall, 3' to 5' wide Plants are 3-5' tall and are covered with pink flowers. A cross of Rhododendron atlanticum and a Mollis hybrid azalea. Full sun to partial shade, well-drained soil. Nice purple fall color. One of the outstanding Northern Lights series.</p>
<p>Wallowa Red</p> 	<p>(Slonecker, Exbury type) This may be the deepest red flower of any of the deciduous azaleas. It blooms in midseason and occasionally has 6 petals. Deep red has always been a color lacking in the deciduous type azaleas, and although there are a number of orange-reds, this is probably the finest in this deep red shade. It grows as an open, round plant, with arching branches eventually reaching 4-8' in height with a spread of 3-5'. 18-24"</p>
<p>Weston's Popsicle</p> 	<p>Treat yourself to a popsicle in June! Large dark pink and fragrant flowers are set off by an orange flare. Shiny, mildew-resistant foliage that changes to burgundy-red in the fall. Very refreshing! Limited quantity available. Selected from a hybrid of arborescens</p>







## Evergreen Azaleas

<p>Bollywood</p> 	<p>Bright showy magenta flowers in spring, and attractive variegated foliage all season long. Season-long color. Semi-evergreen. Attracts butterflies. The blooms begin in late spring and continue reliably into summer, blanketing Bollywood™ in bright color. So much interest in so little space! You will love this exciting 2010 introduction. Zones 5-9.</p>
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<p>Girard's Hot Shot</p> 	<p>A prolific bloomer displaying single, reddish-orange flowers. Remains evergreen in milder climates, semi-evergreen elsewhere. Terrific effect used in mass for a colorful show. Orange-red fall foliage.</p>
<p>Girard's Rose</p> 	<p>An evergreen azalea hybrid prized for the heavy, reliable crop of deep rose flowers it produces in spring and for its compact, tidy form. Zones 5-8</p>
<p>Karen</p> 	<p>An extraordinary and stunning variety presenting multiple clusters of bright lavender-pink blooms on a hardy and dense compact shrub; a beautiful presentation as a garden focal point. An open multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage. A relatively low maintenance shrub. Zones 5-8</p>
<p>Rosebud</p> 	<p>In St. Catharines, after 20 years, Rosebud has grown to be about 4 feet tall with a spread of 4 feet. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more. This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder zones. Appears to be hardy in St. Catharines but late frosts in May will stop expansion of flower buds. A magnificent pink-mini-rose shaped flower.</p>

## Lepidotes

<p>Blue Baron (3 Gallon)</p> 	<p>Early flowering. Compact growing mound shape. Striking near blue flowers in April, very unusual for a plant this hardy. Very small, elongated foliage is shiny green in summer and bronzed in winter. Weston's recommends protect from winter wind and winter sun. <u>Parentage</u> (<i>R. russatum</i> x Blue Diamond Group) x [(<i>R. minus Carolinianum Group</i> x <i>R. ferrugineum</i>) x <i>R. minus Carolinianum Group</i>]</p>

<p>Cornell Pink (3 Gallon)</p> 	<p>Known as mucronulatum 'Cornell Pink' From the mountains of Korea comes <i>R. mucronulatum</i>, one of the first harbingers of Spring. This clear light pink selection is well-known as the first mucronulatum which expanded the color range beyond lavender. Unlike most other lepidotes, <i>R. mucronulatum</i> is fully deciduous, but compensates by being one of the most cold-hardy. Very early April bloom, a wonderful companion to early daffodils and other Spring bulbs.</p>
<p>Midnight Ruby 3 Gallon</p>	<p>('Olga Mezitt' x 'PJM' Group) Early flowering. Compact, wide and upright growing. Red-purple flowers in late April. Green foliage all summer turns a distinctive black-bronze for winter. Very effective planted in combination with yellow or blue foliaged conifers.</p>
<p>Karin Seleger</p> 	<p>A Brueckner hybrid, <i>impeditum</i> x <i>dauricum</i>. fluorescent violet purple, Flowers not large but thickly covering the shrub. Provides a startling mound of purple. Blooms early to late spring depending on weather. hardy -20 to -25F. Zone 4</p>
<p>Landmark</p> 	<p>A Weston hybrid. Robust growing, wide and upright. Large trusses of dark pink flowers in early May appear nearly red when viewed from a distance. Large leathery green leaves turn bronze-mahogany in winter and are about 75% retained. Parentage: <math>\{(R. minus\ Carolinianum\ Group\ x\ R. dauricum\ Sempervirens\ Group)\} x\ 'Mucronulatum\ Pink'\} x\ (R. minus\ Carolinianum\ Group\ x\ R. prinophyllum)\}</math></p>
<p>PJM Elite</p> 	<p>A sibling or selection of a PJM by Mezitt of Weston's nursery. Cold-hardy, and easy to grow. Extremely showy, fist-sized, orchid-purple blooms appear at the ends of the branches in early spring. It's the earliest of all the azaleas and rhododendrons in the Northwest garden, usually blooming in mid to late April and about two weeks before the first azaleas. After bloom season the foliage deepens to a rich purple with bronze tinges, providing fall and winter interest.</p>
<p>Patty Bee</p> 	<p>Parentage: keiskei 'Yaku Fairy' x <i>fletcheranum</i>. Habit is that of a small compact mound. Small dark green leaves provide a great backdrop for the small, yellow flowers that emerge in April.</p>
<p>Sugar Puff</p> 	<p>One unique rhodo! Small, 1.5" long narrow leaves loosely clothe showy red stems of this densely twiggy wonder that buds extremely heavily. As many as 7-8 buds per shoot producing 14-20 flowers in what appears to be one large domed truss of puffy white flowers which cover the plant. Blooms late March to early April. 4 ft x 4 ft at maturity Zones 5-8</p>

## Elepidotes

<p>Blue Peter</p> 	<p>You'll find this rhododendron among old garden favorites. Its frilled flowers are light lavender-blue with a prominent purple flare. The lush leaves are glossy green. It's vigorous cold hardy, heat and sun resistant. Very popular in the Eastern United States.</p>
<p>Florence Parks</p> 	<p>Reported to be good to Zone 4 and some say it is, perhaps the best hardy purple to date. Florence Parks blooms heavy and the deep purple flowers form a star shaped whorl to show off exceptionally nice, dark foliage.</p>
<p>Holden's Solar Flair</p> 	<p>Quickly becoming known as one of the best hardy, yellow Rhododendrons, 'Solar Flair' explodes in mid-spring with true yellow flowers that sport a fiery red blotch. The dark green, mildew-resistant foliage makes a wonderful contrast to the radiant blooms as well as the attractive red buds that persist throughout winter.</p> <p>Bred in Ohio by renowned breeder, David Leach, 'Solar Flair' is the result of a cross with two of Leach's previous hybrids, 'Calcutta' and 'Casanova', plus 'Goldsworth Orange'. Rhododendron catawbiense adds wonderful hardiness to the pedigree of this gorgeous shrub.</p>
<p>Holden's Spring Herald</p> 	<p>Zone 5. Pinkish white flowers with burgundy red nectar pouches welcome you in early spring. <i>R. rex</i> parentage gives this plant exceptionally large leaves and <i>R. catawbiense</i> gives it hardiness</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7' x 8'</p>
<p>Hong Kong</p> 	<p><b>'Hong Kong'</b> and some other hardy elepidotes must have some shade in midday or the foliage will yellow or even burn especially during a hot summer. Bred for cold hardiness, this tall, attractive hybrid rhododendron offers an upright, well-branched habit and flat, glossy yellow-green leaves. Pale yellow flowers appear in late spring, each one with a bright greenish-yellow blotch in its throat.</p>
<p>Lemon Dream</p> 	<p>In early May, the abundant, very soft lemon-yellow flowers of this compact plant have wavy petal edges and are sometimes double. Handsome, rounded leaves are brushed with a bit of brownish orange indumentum on their undersides. Hardy to zone 5. Parentage largely unknown by is associated with Hotei and Lems Cameo.</p>



A Hachman hybrid with a very complex parentage with *R. griffithianum* & 'Nova Zembla & Mars far in its background. Deep red, moderate growth rate, blooms mid spring, 3 ft tall x 3 ft wide, partial shade, hardy -10 to -15F. Zone 5



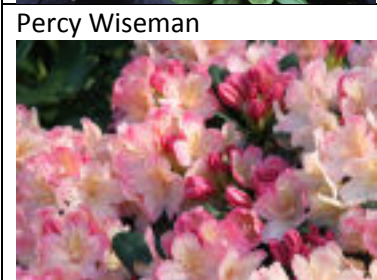
*R. maximum*, The Rosebay Rhododendron, is the only elepidote (having no scales) species native to New England. It grows in woods, often in dense shade, from sea level to 6000 feet in eastern North America from Georgia to Quebec and Nova Scotia. Growing along streams and on moist, rocky wooded slopes, *R. maximum* tolerates the low pH associated with damp, shady almost bog-like conditions. Rhododendron State Park in USDA Zone 4, Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire contains a large stand of this species. "Red" *R. maximum*, discovered in the Mount Mitchell region of North Carolina, is among the more legendary rhododendrons of North America. Numerous articles have been written on this plant. Biologists are intrigued by its chimera nature and horticulturists




Light Creamy yellow flowers with a ruffled edge are set off by excellent glossy green foliage on a hardy compact plant from Weston's Nursery. Parentage *R. catawbiense* hybrid x [unnamed yellow hybrid x 'Bristol Cream\*'], which has the additional attraction of glossy, dark green foliage



Hard to walk past this one! A distinctive plant with an overall formal effect, with deep rose flowers The compact, full truss sits on an "Elizabethan collar" of wide dark green leaves. Very cold hardy and a robust grower. Parentage (possibly 'Mrs. C. S. Sargent' X 'Dr. H. C. Dresselhuys')



Easy on the eyes with the creamy pinks and peaches of its changeable flowers. In late spring, 'Percy Wiseman's' many flowers fade to ivory. This plant serves well as an accent shrub standing at most 4 to 5 feet tall. Given moist, well-drained acidic soil, this rhododendron makes a long-lived shrub with year-round interest. Compact, rounded. 'Percy Wiseman' can reach a mature height of about 5 feet with a similar or slightly wider spread. It's "leggy"—its lowest limbs usually clear the ground by one foot. Its rough texture makes a nice contrast against more delicate landscape plants. It is a long-term relationship with this slow-growing shrub—expect it to live 40 years or more if well cared for.

<p>Polarnacht</p> 	<p>A Hachman hybrid with a very complex parentage with <i>R. catawbiense</i> and <i>R. ponticum</i> in its ancestry. When just beginning to show color the flowerbuds on Polar Night Rhododendron are so dark they appear black and then maintain a rich deep dark purple bloom. Polar Night blooms mid-late season and is a compact 3' tall by 6' wide. Blooms mid-late season. Reported to be very hardy.</p>
<p>Rimini</p> 	<p>A Hachman introduction. This is a product of 'Goldbukett' x Nippon . . . for both of whom the parentage is largely unknown. Lovely flowered plant Dark orange flower buds open to golden-yellow flowers that soften with age. Each wavy edge is tinged in orange-pink. Compact, dense habit. His plant is likely to be hardy in protected microclimates in Niagara. There is some controversy about its hardiness. It is not hardy in Norfolk county but appears to have survived the polar vortex in protected areas of Beamsville.</p>
<p>Yak Dreamland</p> 	<p>Dense-growing evergreen shrub valued for its large trusses of showy soft-pink flowers. Prefers cooler regions but some protection from winter wind is helpful. A wonderful accent plant for containers. Pale pink flowers with darker edges, fading with a hint of creaminess. It flowers in May and has wonderful stiff green leaves with pale undersides. A lovely plant for protected areas. Parentage: (Fabia Group X (fortunei ssp.discolor-hybrid x griersonianum)) x ((fortunei ssp.discolor-hybrid x facetum) X(Jalisko Group x griersonianum))</p>
<p>Yak Fantastica</p> 	<p>Parentage: Mars x <i>R.degronianum</i> ssp <i>yakushmanum</i> 'Koichiro Wada This prolific bloomer is not as garish as some bicolors. Its flowers appear in late May and are deep rose fading to white in the throat, accented by light citron-green spots. It has long, elliptic leaves with a white-wooly indumentum beneath. Bicolor rhododendrons have a contrasting color along the edge of each petal-either a thin "picotee" edge or a gradual shading.</p>