



Buttonbush

Cephalanthus occidentalis

Growing Information

- Sunlight: Full to part sun
- Soils: Moist to wet soils. Tolerates standing water.
- Bloom Time: Mid-Summer
- Size: up to 12 ft

Showy, pom-pom like flowers attract tons of butterflies and hummingbirds. Loves water. Makes an attractive hedge or accent shrub at the edge of a pond or in a marshy area. Flowers mature into button-like fruits filled with seeds which attract ducks and other water birds.

Garden Companions

Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*); Blue Flag Iris (*Iris versicolor*); Cardinal Flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*); Swamp Milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*); Highbush Blueberry (*Vaccinium corymbosum*)

Nature Benefits

- Provides nectar for native bees, hummingbirds, and butterflies.
- Seeds are eaten by ducks and other waterfowl
- Larval host to several species of sphinx moth

Native Habitat

Marshes, wet meadows, bogs, and pond edges