



Menziesia ferruginea- false azalea, fool's huckleberry

Range: Alaska south along the coast and in the Cascades to Northern California. (Spear Cooke 1997)

Climate, elevation: From sea level to subalpine in the northern half of our region; in montane to subalpine forests from Vancouver Island south. (Pojar 1994)

Local occurrence:

Habitat preferences: Shady to open coniferous woods with acid humus, moist slopes, streambanks. (Pojar 1994) Also found in hummocks in scrub-shrub wetlands. (Spear Cooke 1997)

Plant strategy type/successional stage: Most always associated with cold, wet habitat types, very shade tolerant. (Habeck 1992)

Associated species: Overstory: subalpine fir (*Abies lasiocarpa*), Pacific silver fir (*A. lamabilis*), western redcedar (*Thuja plicata*), mountain hemlock (*Tsuga mertensiana*), western hemlock (*T. heterophylla*), and Engelmann spruce (*Picea engelmannii*). Understory: blue huckleberry (*Vaccinium globulare*), smooth woodrush (*Luzula Hitchcockii*), and on higher sites, white rhododendron (*Rhododendron albiflorum*). (Habeck 1992)

May be collected as: Not specified.

Collection restrictions or guidelines: Flowers from late May thru early July. (Habeck 1992)

Seed germination: Little information is available on the propagation of this species. It appears to be capable of layering, and the seeds are wind or gravity dispersed. (Habeck 1992)

Seed life: Not specified.

Recommended seed storage conditions: Not specified.

Propagation recommendations: Requires a special soil fungus to survive that does not thrive when transplanted. (Spear Cooke 1997)

Soil or medium requirements: Not specified.

Installation form: Not specified.

Recommended planting density: Not specified.

Care requirements after installed: Not specified.

Normal rate of growth or spread: Not specified.

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