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### Recommended Rhododendrons for Ohio

#### Part 1: Evergreen Azaleas

Species/Cultivar	Qty.	Avg. Ht.	Flower Color	Probable Hardiness	Comments	Ornamental Rating
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Boudoir'	4	3'	red & purple	Zone 5B	Many blooms, numerous flower buds and fruit capsules present.	Superior (5)
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Cascade'	5	3'	white	Zone 5A	Many blooms, numerous flower buds and fruit capsules present. Good drought resistance.	Superior (5)
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Corsage'	3	18-24"	purple	Zone 5B	Moderate to few blooms on young plants. Flower buds present. Nice compact habit, clean foliage.	Premature
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Delaware Valley White'	3	15-18"	white	Zone 5B	Many blooms for young plants, numerous flower buds and fruit capsules present. Some leaf scorch and wilting evident from drought. Dense forming shrub, clean foliage.	Premature
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Desiree'	3	1-3'	white	Zone 5B	Upright when young, later forming mounded shrubs. Blooms moderate to many. Flower buds and fruit capsules present.	Good (3)
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Dexter's Pink'	2	3'	pink & purple	Zone 5B	Many blooms, numerous flower buds and fruit capsules present. Foliage clean and glossy, dark green and well-branched to the base. Lost one plant to drought in 1998.	Good to excellent (3-4)
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Elsie Lee'	3	4-5'	purple	Zone 5B	Reliable. Many blooms every year except 1993-94. Numerous flower buds and fruit capsules present. Foliage clean and glossy medium green. Habit vase-shaped and upright.	Good to excellent (3-4)
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Fuchsia'	3	2-3'	red & purple	Zone 6 (5B)	Many blooms, numerous flower buds and fruit capsules present. Handsome	Good to excellent

					medium-green, clean foliage. Branched to the base, but a bit loose in habit.	(3-4)
<b>Rhododendron 'Favorite'</b>	3	18-24"	pink	Zone 6 (5B)	Nice shapely young specimens. Foliage glossy medium green and clean. Fruit capsules and flower buds present. Moderate to few blooms so far.	Premature
<b>Rhododendron 'Girard Caroline'</b>	3	15-24"	pink & purple	Zone 6	Shapely compact specimens. Many blooms, numerous fruit capsules and flower buds present. Slight winter damage observed on tips.	Good (3)
<b>Rhododendron 'Girard Custom White'</b>	3	3'	white	Zone 5B	Clean foliage, flower buds and fruit capsules present. Somewhat loose and open.	Good (3)
<b>Rhododendron 'Girard Dwarf Lavender'</b>	3	1'	purple	Zone 6 (5B)	Many blooms, numerous flower buds and fruit capsules present. Low-growing, dense and compact shrub. Clean, dark glossy green foliage. Hardiness suspect.	Excellent (4)
<b>Rhododendron 'Girard Hot Shot'</b>	3	1½-2'	red	Zone 5B	Many blooms, numerous flower buds and fruit capsules present. Very dense grower with a horizontal habit. Foliage clean and glossy dark green.	Excellent (4)
<b>Rhododendron 'Girard Jeremiah'</b>	1	15-18"	pink	Zone 6 (5B)	Few to moderate blooms, flower buds and fruit capsules present. A dense, shapely little plant.	Good (3)
<b>Rhododendron 'Girard National Beauty'</b>	3	1½-2'	purple	Zone 6 (5B)	Many blooms, numerous flower buds and fruit capsules present. Very shapely, compact shrub, clean dark green foliage.	Excellent to superior (4-5)
<b>Rhododendron 'Girard Pleasant White'</b>	3	2-3'	white	Zone 5B	Moderate bloomer, flower buds and fruit capsules present. Upright, loose and irregular in habit. Foliage clean and dark glossy green.	Fair to good (2-3)
<b>Rhododendron 'Girard Renee Michelle'</b>	3	1½-2'	pink & purple	Zone 6 (5B)	Blooming light, flower buds and fruit capsules present. Habit is low to procumbent. Leaves clean and dark glossy green. Some branch dieback over winter. Slight Japanese beetle damage.	Good (3)
<b>Rhododendron 'Girard Rose'</b>	3	1½-2'	red & purple	Zone 6 (5B)	Many blooms, numerous flower buds and fruit capsules present. Clean, dark	Good (3)

					green, glossy foliage.	
<b>Rhododendron 'Girard Salmon'</b>	3	1½-3'	orange/ yellow & pink	Zone 6 (5B)	Upright, loose habit when young, some basal sprouting. Few blooms. Deer browse damage observed on one specimen.	Premature
<b>Rhododendron 'Girard Saybrook Glory'</b>	3	1-2'	pink & purple	Zone 5	Moderate bloomer, flower buds and fruit capsules present. Low dense, rounded shrubs, some branch dieback.	Good (3)
<b>Rhododendron 'Girard Scarlet'</b>	1	2-3'	pink & red	Zone 6 (5B)	Few blooms, poor grower. Foliage clean. Survival suspect.	Poor (1)
<b>Rhododendron 'Girard Variegated Gem'</b>	3	1½-2'	pink & red	Zone 6 (5B)	Moderate bloomer, flower buds and fruit capsules present. Good branch density, rounded shrubs, semi-dwarf habit. Some gall disorder observed for the first time in 1999.	Good (3)
<b>Rhododendron 'Kathy Ann'</b>	3	4-5'	white	Zone 5B	Many blooms, numerous flower buds and fruit capsules present. A loosely branched shrub with an irregular habit.	Fair (2)
<b>Rhododendron 'Helen Curtis'</b>	5	12-15"	white	Zone 5B	Few blooms on young specimens. Fine looking, compact shrub, clean foliage. Severely stressed on several occasions during 1999 drought.	Premature
<b>Rhododendron 'Hino Crimson'</b>	3	1½-2'	red	Zone 6 (5B)	Many blooms, flower buds and fruit capsules present. A fine looking, fine- textured shrub. Foliage clean and dark glossy green. Hardiness marginal.	Excellent (4)
<b>Rhododendron 'Hino-Pink'</b>	2	12-15"	pink	Zone 6 (5B)	Moderate bloomer, flower buds and fruit capsules present. Nicely branched young specimens, a bit loose in habit when young. Foliage clean, glossy, medium green.	Premature
<b>Rhododendron 'Joseph Hill'</b>	3	6-12"	pink	Zone 6 (5B)	Few to moderate blooming on young plants. A decidedly procumbent form.	Premature
<b>Rhododendron kiusianum</b>	3	2-3'	purple	Zone 5B	Many blooms, numerous flower buds and fruit capsules present. Foliage clean. Some branch dieback and defoliation from drought.	Excellent (4)
<b>Rhododendron</b>	3	1½-2'	purple	Zone 5B	Young plants somewhat sparsely	Fair to good (2-

<b>kiusianum (1994 Accession)</b>					branched. Fine-textured leaves and branches. Some branch dieback on one specimen. Leaves clean.	3)
<b><i>Rhododendron</i> 'Lake Erie'</b>	3	12-15"	pink	Zone 6	Few blooms to date. Some flower buds present. Establishment has been difficult in drought and some leaves showing drought- related fall color. Foliage clean.	Premature
<b><i>Rhododendron</i> 'Lake Michigan'</b>	3	2-3'	pink & purple	Zone 6	Moderate to many blooms, flower buds and fruit capsules present. Foliage clean and glossy green. Plants fully branched to base. Hardiness suspect on the Stanton Hybrids.	Premature
<b><i>Rhododendron</i> 'Lake St. Clair'</b>	3	2-3'	purple	Zone 6	Few blooms to date. Fully branched to base. Foliage clean, showing slight bronze to purple fall color. Hardiness suspect.	Premature
<b><i>Rhododendron</i> 'Louisa'</b>	3	12-15"	pink	Zone 6 (5B)	Moderate bloomer. Foliage exceptionally dark green and glossy. A low, dense, procumbent form. Hardiness suspect.	Premature
<b><i>Rhododendron</i> 'Marilee'</b>	3	6-12"	red	Zone 6 (5B)	Moderate bloomer to date. A procumbent form with glossy green foliage. Hardiness suspect.	Premature
<b><i>Rhododendron</i> 'Martha Hitchcock'</b>	5	1½-2½'	white & purple	Zone 6 (5B)	Moderate bloomer, numerous flower buds and fruit capsules present. Chlorosis evident from road leachate. Drought damage significant on one specimen.	Fair (2)
<b><i>Rhododendron</i> 'Michael Hill'</b>	3	12"	pink	Zone 6 (5B)	Moderate bloomer to date. Young plants much like other Polly Hill forms being rather low and compact with glossy green, fine-textured leaves. Hardiness suspect.	Premature
<b><i>Rhododendron nakahari</i> 'Mount Seven Star'</b>	3	8-12"	red	Zone 6 (5B)	Exceptionally dark, glossy, pubescent leaves and petioles. Moderate bloomer to date. Stays low after many years. Hardiness suspect.	Premature
<b><i>Rhododendron</i> 'Orchid Lace'</b>	3	1½-2'	purple	Zone 5B	Moderate bloomer. A compact, dense shrub. Foliage clean.	Premature
<b><i>Rhododendron</i> 'Pink Pancake'</b>	3	12"	pink	Zone 6 (5B)	Moderate bloomer. Very procumbent grower. Leaves glossy green and clean.	Premature

<b><i>Rhododendron</i></b> <b>'Polar Bear'</b>	2	2'	white	Zone 6 (5B)	Moderate bloomer, flower buds and fruit present. Clean glossy foliage, compact habit.	Good to excellent (3-4)
<b><i>Rhododendron</i></b> <b>'Rosebud'</b>	3	2-3'	pink & purple	Zone 6 (5B)	Many blooms, flower buds and fruit capsules present. Foliage dark, glossy green. Plants dense and fully branched to base. Hardiness suspect.	Premature
<b><i>Rhododendron</i></b> <b>'Royalty'</b>	2	1½-3'	purple	Zone 5B	Many blooms in considerable shade. Numerous flower buds and fruit capsules present. Foliage clean, dark glossy green. Lost one specimen to storm damage in 1998.	Good (3)
<b><i>Rhododendron</i></b> <b>'Sandra Ann'</b>	4	2-3'	red & purple	Zone 5B	Many blooms, numerous flower buds and fruit capsules present. Some branch dieback from drought. Slight Japanese beetle damage.	Good (3)
<b><i>Rhododendron</i></b> <b>'Silver Queen'</b>	3	15-18"	pink & red	Zone 5B	Moderate bloomer, fruit capsules and flower buds present. Foliage white-tinged along the margins, inner tissue medium green. Good density, rounded habit. Gall infestation observed in 1999.	Good (3)
<b><i>Rhododendron</i></b> <b>'Snowball'</b>	2	1½-2'	white	Zone 5B	Moderate bloomer, flower buds and fruit capsules present. A nice, compact shrub with glossy green foliage.	Good to excellent (3-4)
<b><i>Rhododendron</i></b> <b>'Spreading Red'</b>	3	2-3'	red	Zone 5B	Moderate bloomer to date. Shapely, dense shrubs with glossy, dark green foliage. Some drought leaf scorch evident.	Premature
<b><i>Rhododendron</i></b> <b>tashiroi</b>	2	15-24"	red & purple	Zone 6	Too juvenile to flower. Marginally hardy species. Exceptionally dark green, glossy leaves. Habit dense.	Premature
<b><i>Rhododendron</i></b> <b>'Tryon Pink'</b>	3	1½-2'	pink	Zone 6 (5B)	Moderate to many blooms, flower buds and fruit capsules present. Young specimens dense and compact. Foliage clean and dark, glossy green.	Premature
<b><i>Rhododendron</i></b> <b>'White Rosebud'</b>	3	1½-2'	pink	Zone 6 (5B)	Moderate bloomer to date. Flower buds present. Shapely young plants with clean, light green, glossy leaves.	Premature
<b><i>Rhododendron</i></b> <b>'Wintergreen'</b>	3	1-1½'	red	Zone 6 (5B)	Moderate bloomer to date. Leaves exceptionally glossy, dark green.	Premature

					Habit procumbent.	
<b><i>Rhododendron yedoense</i></b>	3	2-3'	purple	Zone 5B	Many blooms, fruit capsules and flower buds present. Habit rounded to horizontal and fully branched to base. Subject to slight winter damage and periodic branch dieback.	Good (3)

## Part 2: Lepidote Rhododendrons

Species/Cultivar	Qty.	Avg. Ht.	Flower Color	Probable Hardiness	Comments	Ornamental Rating
<b><i>Rhododendron 'Aglo'</i></b>	4	2-3'	pink & purple	Zone 4	Upright to vase-shaped grower, somewhat open habit. Drought stress significant with loss of branches and defoliation. Semi-evergreen sporting handsome orange to red tints in autumn. Fairly free of Phytophthora.	Excellent (4)
<b><i>Rhododendron 'April Dawn'</i></b>	3	2'	purple	Zone 4	Moderate bloomer to date, numerous flower buds present. Habit dense and full, glossy dark green foliage.	Excellent (4)
<b><i>Rhododendron 'April Mist'</i></b>	1	1½-2'	white & purple	Zone 4	Has not flowered to date. Weak grower with a loose, open habit. Lost one specimen in 1999.	Premature
<b><i>Rhododendron 'April Reign'</i></b>	3	1½-2'	purple	Zone 4	Moderate bloomer during mild springs. Nice dense, compact habit in full exposure. Semi-evergreen with fine-textured, glossy leaves. Fall color occasionally orange to red. Some chlorosis evident.	Good to excellent (3-4)
<b><i>Rhododendron 'April Rose'</i></b>	2	15-18"	pink & purple	Zone 4	Few blooms to date, flower buds present. A leggy, open young plant. Leaves clean with distinctly red petioles.	Premature
<b><i>Rhododendron 'April Snow'</i></b>	2	2'	white	Zone 4	Few blooms to date, some flower buds present. Poorly rooted, loose, sparsely branched plants.	
<b><i>Rhododendron 'April Song'</i></b>	3	15"-3'	white & purple	Zone 4	Nice cultivar with good dense habit. A reliable bloomer most years. Fall color yellow to orange.	Excellent (4)
<b><i>Rhododendron</i></b>	2	12-15"	white	Zone 4	Slight flowering to date, flower	Premature

<b>'April White'</b>					buds present. Severe yellowing and drought stress has made establishment difficult. Survival not likely.	
<b><i>Rhododendron</i> 'Autumn Violet'</b>	3	6-12"	purple	Zone 4	Moderate bloomer to date, flowering heavier in the fall, numerous flower buds present. Fine-textured form with glossy, dark green leaves.	Premature
<b><i>Rhododendron</i> 'Balta'</b>	2	3'	white	Zone 4	Somewhat upright to open in habit, foliage dark, glossy green and mostly persistent. Occasional yellow to orange tints in autumn.	Good (3)
<b><i>Rhododendron</i> 'Bob Stuart'</b>	2	1½-2'	purple	Zone 4	Moderate bloomer to date, numerous flower buds present. An excellent, compact shrub so far.	Premature
<b><i>Rhododendron</i> 'Cama'</b>	6	12-15"	white	Zone 4	Moderate bloomer during milder springs. Numerous flower buds present. Dwarf habit, slow-growing. Has shown good drought resistance in a tough site. Road leachate has produced some chlorosis.	Good (3)
<b><i>Rhododendron</i> 'Coral Glow'</b>	2	2-3'	pink	Zone 4	Excellent red to purple tints in fall. Quite upright as a young specimen. Foliage glossy and disease free.	Premature
<b><i>Rhododendron dauricum</i> 'Arctic Pearl'</b>	5	2-3'	white	Zone 4	Many blooms with numerous flower buds present. Plants range in habit from upright, sparsely branched to rounded and dense. Foliage evergreen to semi-evergreen. Tints of yellow in the fall.	Good (3)
<b><i>Rhododendron</i> 'Elite'</b>	7	2-3'	pink & purple	Zone 4	Many blooms in mild springs, numerous flower buds present. Has held up in drought quite well. Some chlorosis observed on one specimen. Fall color orange to purple.	Excellent (4)
<b><i>Rhododendron</i> 'Laurie'</b>	1	2-3'	white & purple	Zone 4	Few blooms, well-branched to base, clean dark, glossy leaves. Specimen in heavy shade. Semi-evergreen with occasional yellow to orange-red fall color.	Excellent (4)

<b><i>Rhododendron</i> 'Manitou'</b>	1	2'	purple	Zone 5	Excellent rounded young specimen, clean, glossy leaves.	Good to excellent (3-4)
<b><i>Rhododendron</i> 'Milestone'</b>	3	2-3'	pink	Zone 4	Many blooms in mild springs, occasional re-bloom in the fall. A shapely, compact shrub with clean, glossy, semi-persistent leaves. Fall color potentially a beautiful combination of red and orange.	Superior (5)
<b><i>Rhododendron</i> 'Mood Indigo'</b>	1	2'	purple	Zone 5B	Leggy, poorly anchored plant. Foliage clean with glossy, medium green leaves.	Fair (2)
<b><i>Rhododendron mucronulatum</i> (1992 Accession)</b>	5	3-5'	pink	Zone 4	Many blooms in mild springs, numerous flower buds present. Habit variable, ranging from loose and open to rounded and dense.	Excellent (4)
<b><i>Rhododendron mucronulatum</i> (1988 Accession)</b>	2	3-4'	pink	Zone 4	Moderate to many blooms in mild springs. Habit vertical, branched fairly well to base.	Excellent (4)
<b><i>Rhododendron mucronulatum</i> 'Deep Pink'</b>	4	3-4'	pink	Zone 4	Moderate bloomer in mild springs, flower buds present. Slower growing than species with upright, dense habit.	Good (3)
<b><i>Rhododendron</i> 'New Patriot'</b>	2	3-4'	red & purple	Zone 4	Many blooms in mild springs, numerous flower buds present. Habit a bit loose and open at the base. Fall color often red to maroon.	Excellent (4)
<b><i>Rhododendron</i> 'Olga Mezitt'</b>	5	1½-3'	pink	Zone 4	Many blooms, usually later than most lepidotes avoiding frost injury. Numerous flower buds and fruit capsules present. Compact, well-branched shrubs tolerant of drought despite being situated in a harsh site. Some leaf scorch and chlorosis evident.	Good (3)
<b><i>Rhododendron</i> 'P. J. M.'</b>	4	3-4'	purple	Zone 4	Moderate to many blooms in mild springs. Rounded to upright habit, clean glossy green, semi-persistent leaves. Autumn tints orange to red. Some branch dieback from drought.	Good (3)
<b><i>Rhododendron</i> 'P. J. M. Compact'</b>	3	2-3'	purple	Zone 4	Moderate bloom on young plants. Foliage glossy green, habit dense	Premature

					and compact. One specimen succumbing to Phytophthora.	
<b><i>Rhododendron</i></b> <b>'RAF 18'</b> <b>(unregistered cultivar)</b>	1	12"	pink & purple	Zone 5 (4)	Few blooms, flower buds present. Foliage glossy, dark green, petioles and young stems reddish pink.	Premature
<b><i>Rhododendron</i></b> <b><i>sichotense</i></b>	4	2-6'	purple	Zone 4	Many blooms during mild springs, frequently re-blooms in autumn. Numerous flower buds present. Foliage clean, glossy, medium green. Semi-evergreen with orange to red fall color. Lost three specimens to Phytophthora and one currently affected.	Good (3)
<b><i>Rhododendron</i></b> <b><i>tapetiforme</i></b>	3	8-12"	purple	Zone 5	Moderate bloomer, numerous flower buds present. A unique, fine-textured, diminutive species with a decidedly procumbent habit. Slight orange to yellow tints in fall.	Premature
<b><i>Rhododendron</i></b> <b>'Thunder'</b>	1	1½-2'	red & purple	Zone 4	Moderate bloomer during mild springs, numerous flower buds present. Foliage clean, dark green and persistent. Bronze to purple tints in autumn.	Good (3)
<b><i>Rhododendron</i></b> <b>'Weston Pink Diamond'</b>	1	4-5'	pink	Zone 4	Moderate to heavy bloomer in mild springs, numerous flower buds present. A fine cultivar that is well-branched to the base; habit more upright than other similar clones.	Excellent (4)

### Part 3: Deciduous Azaleas

Species/Cultivar	Qty.	Avg. Ht.	Flower Color	Probable Hardiness	Comments	Ornamental Rating
<b><i>Rhododendron</i></b> <b>'Annabella'</b>	3	1-3'	orange/ yellow	Zone 5	Few blooms, flower buds and fruit capsules present. Slight sawfly damage. Habit upright, some basal sprouting.	Premature
<b><i>Rhododendron</i></b> <b>'Antilope'</b>	3	3-4'	white	Zone 5	Moderate blooming, flower buds and fruit capsules present. Habit quite upright with an open habit. Flowers fragrant. Moderate sawfly damage.	Good (3)

<b><i>Rhododendron arborescens</i></b>	5	2-3'	white & pink	Zone 5 (4)	Moderate blooms on young plants, numerous flower buds present, fruit capsules aborted in drought. Leaf scorch and wilting evident during 1999 drought. Glossy, medium green summer foliage, clean and insect free. Autumn colors intense orange to red. Shapely dense habit.	Superior (5)
<b><i>Rhododendron atlanticum</i></b>	1	4-5'	white	Zone 5	Moderate bloomer, flower buds and fruit capsules present. Upright to vase-shaped habit, well branched to base. Foliage clean and insect free. Flowers highly fragrant.	Excellent to superior (4-5)
<b><i>Rhododendron 'Balzac'</i></b>	3	3-4'	orange/ yellow	Zone 5	Moderate bloomer to date, flower buds present. Excellent dark green, glossy leaves. Habit upright to rounded, good basal regeneration. Moderate Japanese beetle damage.	Good to excellent (3-4)
<b><i>Rhododendron 'Better Letter'</i></b>	1	15-18"	red	Zone 5	Few blooms to date, flower buds present, nice looking cultivar with clean foliage and dense habit. Some bronze to purple fall tints.	Premature
<b><i>Rhododendron calendulaceum</i> (1995 Accession)</b>	3	12-15"	orange/ yellow	Zone 5 (4)	Recently planted and vegetative to date. Severe recurrent drought stress. One specimen not likely to survive. Slight sawfly damage.	Premature
<b><i>Rhododendron calendulaceum</i> (1991 accession)</b>	5	1½-4'	orange/ yellow	Zone 5 (4)	Moderate blooming in 1999, flower buds present, fruit capsules aborted. Loss of young shoots and leaf scorch evident from drought. Slight sawfly damage.	Excellent (4)
<b><i>Rhododendron calendulaceum</i> (1988 accession)</b>	3	1-3'	orange/ yellow	Zone 5(4)	Few blooms following spring transplanting. Severe drought damage evident, slight yellow to orange fall color.	Excellent (4)
<b><i>Rhododendron calendulaceum 'Smoky Mountaineer'</i></b>	1	8-12"	red	Zone 5	Young specimen has not flowered to date. Severe drought damage evident. Slight sawfly damage.	Premature

<b>Rhododendron 'Cannon'</b>	3	3-4'	orange/ yellow & pink	Zone 5	Many blooms and flower buds and fruit capsules present. Wonderful selection with dark glossy leaves and dense habit. Crimson tints in the fall. Slight Japanese beetle damage.	Superior (5)
<b>Rhododendron 'Cecile'</b>	1	3-4'	orange/ yellow	Zone 5 (4)	Few blooms to date, flower buds present. Loosely branched with an irregular habit, somewhat slow-growing. Faint purple tints in the fall. Slight sawfly damage.	Fair to good (2-3)
<b>Rhododendron 'Chestnut Hill'</b>	1	1½-2'	white	Zone 5	Few blooms to date, flower buds present. Severely damaged during drought, lost two of three specimens.	Premature
<b>Rhododendron [Choptank River hybrid]</b>	5	5-7'	white	Zone 5	Many blooms with numerous flower buds and fruit capsules present. Habit quite vertical and arching. Foliage clean, glossy, medium to dark green. Flowers highly fragrant.	Excellent to Superior (4-5)
<b>Rhododendron 'Coral Queen'</b>	1	2-3'	orange/ yellow & pink	Zone 5	Few blooms on young plant. Habit vertical and sparsely branched. Leaves with purple tints in the fall. Moderate sawfly damage.	Premature
<b>Rhododendron 'Corringe'</b>	2	2-3'	pink & red	Zone 5	Few blooms on young plants. Habit open and leggy to date, upright to vase-shaped habit. Slight Japanese beetle and sawfly damage.	Premature
<b>Rhododendron 'Crimson Tide'</b>	2	5-6'	red	Zone 5	Many blooms with numerous flower buds and fruit capsules present. Attractive glossy green leaves. Habit compact and dense. Slight Japanese beetle damage.	Superior (5)
<b>Rhododendron 'Daviesii'</b>	5	3-4'	white	Zone 5	Many blooms, flower buds and fruit capsules present. Habit loose and open, leaves clean, medium glossy green. Slight sawfly damage.	Good to excellent (3-4)
<b>Rhododendron</b>	2	3-4'	red	Zone 5	Moderate bloomer to date, flower	Good to

<b>'Devon'</b>					buds and fruit capsules present. Excellent glossy, medium green leaves. Drought damage considerable on one specimen. Moderate sawfly damage.	excellent (3-4)
<b>Rhododendron 'Exbury White'</b>	3	2-5'	white	Zone 5	Many blooms, flower buds and fruit capsules present. Excellent selection with clean foliage. Habit vertical to rounded with age. Slight sawfly damage.	Excellent to superior (4-5)
<b>Rhododendron 'Fireball'</b>	3	4-5'	red	Zone 5	Moderate bloomer, flower buds and fruit capsules present. Distinctly upright, loosely branched selection. Leaves medium green. Slight sawfly damage. Slight tip dieback and defoliation from drought.	Good (3)
<b>Rhododendron furbishii</b>	3	1½-3'	pink & red	Zone 5	Moderate bloomer in late season, flower buds and fruit capsules present. Moderate to severe leaf scorch and stress from drought. Foliage glossy, light green.	Fair to good (2-3)
<b>Rhododendron 'George Reynolds'</b>	2	1½-2'	orange/ yellow	Zone 5	Few blooms to date on young plants. Habit dense and fully branched, foliage medium to dark green. Slight sawfly damage. Severe drought damage caused repeated wilting and leaf scorch.	Premature
<b>Rhododendron 'Gibraltar'</b>	2	2-3'	orange/ yellow	Zone 5	Few blooms to date on weakly growing specimens. Lost one specimen due to poor root system. Significant chlorosis from asphalt runoff. Older specimens have been reliable bloomers.	Good (3)
<b>Rhododendron 'Gog'</b>	3	4-5'	orange/ yellow	Zone 5	Moderate bloomer to date. Habit loose and upright. Leaves medium green with red to orange fall color. Slight sawfly damage.	Good (3)
<b>Rhododendron 'Gold Dust'</b>	1	12-15"	orange/ yellow	Zone 5	No blooms to date, flower buds present. Weakly rooted young plant, leaves medium green. Slight sawfly damage.	Premature

<b>Rhododendron 'Goldflake'</b>	2	1-2'	orange/ yellow	Zone 5	Few blooms to date, numerous flower buds present. Foliage glossy dark green. Branch dieback and defoliation evident from drought.	Premature
<b>Rhododendron 'Golden Flare'</b>	3	3-4'	orange/ yellow	Zone 5	Moderate bloomer to date, flower buds and fruit capsules present. Powdery mildew moderate. One specimen severely defoliated from drought.	Fair to good (3-4)
<b>Rhododendron 'Golden Pom Pom'</b>	3	2-3'	orange/ yellow	Zone 5	A clean-growing, rounded shrub. Moderate to few blooms in 1998, flower buds present. Fall color speckled with crimson.	Good to excellent (3-4)
<b>Rhododendron 'Golden Sunset'</b>	3	2-3'	orange/ yellow	Zone 5	Few blooms to date, flower buds present. Foliage medium to dark green with purplish tints in autumn. Slight sawfly damage.	Premature
<b>Rhododendron 'Honeysuckle'</b>	3	3-4'	white	Zone 5	Moderate bloomer to date, flower buds present. Habit vertical and open. Leaves medium green. Slight Japanese beetle and sawfly damage.	Good (3)
<b>Rhododendron 'Ilam Melford Lemon'</b>	3	2-3'	orange/ yellow	Zone 5	Few blooms to date, flower buds present. Weak-growing specimens, considerable branch dieback and defoliation from drought. Sawfly damage moderate to severe.	Fair (2)
<b>Rhododendron 'Ilam Peachy Keen'</b>	2	3-4'	pink	Zone 5	Few blooms to date, flower buds present. Weak grower with a leggy habit. Moderate sawfly and powdery mildew damage.	Fair (2)
<b>Rhododendron 'Ilam Yellow Giant'</b>	1	12"	orange/ yellow	Zone 5	Lost one specimen in 1998. Remaining specimen severely injured from drought and cut back to base. Flowers are a wonderful double yellow.	Poor (1)
<b>Rhododendron japonicum</b>	7	1½-3'	orange/ yellow	Zone 5 (4)	Moderate bloomer to date, flower buds present. Many specimens weak growers with considerable branch dieback. Some defoliation and scorch from drought. Basal	Fair to good (2-3)

					regeneration occurring. Leaves subject to moderate powdery mildew damage. Fall color orange to red.	
<b><i>Rhododendron japonicum</i></b> <b>(white flowering clone)</b>	3	2-3'	white	Zone 5	Slight flowering to date. Weak growers, somewhat leggy in habit. Leaf scorch and defoliation from drought, some chlorosis evident.	Fair to good (2-3)
<b><i>Rhododendron 'Jolie Madame'</i></b>	1	3-4'	pink	Zone 5	Moderate to heavy bloomer, flower buds present. Foliage clean and dark, glossy green, slight lace bug damage as spillover from heavy infestation on surrounding Rhodies.	Excellent (4)
<b><i>Rhododendron 'July Jester'</i></b>	2	12-15"	pink & red	Zone 5 (4)	Moderate blooms to date. Flower buds and fruit capsules present. Small specimen is fairly well-branched with clean, glossy green leaves. Good drought tolerance. Slight sawfly damage.	Good to excellent (3-4)
<b><i>Rhododendron 'July Joy'</i></b>	1	2-3'	pink & red	Zone 5 (4)	Moderate to heavy blooms, fruit capsules and flower buds present. Plant has nice glossy green, clean foliage. Habit dense and compact. Good drought tolerance.	Excellent (4)
<b><i>Rhododendron 'July Jubilation'</i></b>	1	1½-2'	pink & red	Zone 5 (4)	Few blooms to date, flower buds present. Excellent shrub with glossy green, clean foliage. Semi-dwarf habit. Drought tolerant.	Excellent (4)
<b><i>Rhododendron 'June Bride'</i></b>	1	12"	red	Zone 5	Few blooms to date, flower buds present. Semi-dwarf, compact habit. Some leaf scorch from drought stress.	Premature
<b><i>Rhododendron 'Klondyke'</i></b>	3	8"-2'	orange/ yellow	Zone 5	Few blooms to date, flower buds present. Foliage clean and glossy dark green. Fall foliage with purple tints. Considerable branch dieback following transplanting. Rabbit damage reported in 1998.	Fair (2)
<b><i>Rhododendron 'Knap Hill Red'</i></b>	3	4-6'	red	Zone (4)	Many blooms in late season, numerous flower buds and fruit capsules present. Habit quite	Superior (5)

					vertical, but branched well to the base. Slight Japanese beetle damage.	
<b>Rhododendron 'Lemon Drop'</b>	1	1½-2'	yellow	Zone 5(4)	Many blooms, numerous flower buds and fruit capsules present. Considerable drought stress and leaf scorch evident. Lost one specimen to drought in 1999.	Premature
<b>Rhododendron 'Lollipop'</b>	1	1½-2'	orange/ yellow	Zone 5(4)	Light blooms to date. Compact, semi-dwarf habit. Clean foliage with slight Japanese beetle damage.	Premature
<b>Rhododendron luteum</b>	5	1½-4'	orange/ yellow	Zone 5	Moderate to light blooms to date, numerous flower buds present on some specimens. Low dense, rounded habit. Clean foliage with slight sawfly damage.	Good (3)
<b>Rhododendron 'Marina'</b>	3	2-3'	orange/ yellow	Zone 5	Slight flowering to date. Loose open habit, some basal regeneration. Foliage on one specimen heavily infected with powdery mildew. Faint tints of red in the fall.	Premature
<b>Rhododendron 'Mary Claire'</b>	2	3-4'	pink	Zone 5	Not blooming at this time. Sparse grower, upright in habit. Moderate sawfly damage. Good purple to orange fall color.	Premature
<b>Rhododendron 'Mary Holman'</b>	3	1½-2'	red	Zone 5	Few blooms to date, flower buds and fruit capsules present. A good looking young plant with orange to red fall color, well-branched to base. Slight sawfly damage.	Premature
<b>Rhododendron 'Girard Mount Saint Helens'</b>	3	3-4'	pink & red	Zone 5	Moderate blooms to date, flower buds and fruit capsules present. Excellent, densely branched selection with clean, medium green foliage. Slight orange tint in the fall.	Excellent (4)
<b>Rhododendron 'Nancy Buchanan'</b>	2	2-3'	white	Zone 5	Slight flowering to date, flower buds present. Habit fairly dense and broad. Foliage clean and moderately dark green. Slight sawfly damage.	Premature

<b>Rhododendron 'Narcissiflora'</b>	7	3-5'	orange/ yellow	Zone 5 (4)	Many blooms consistently each year, numerous flower buds and fruit capsules present. Excellent rounded shrubs well-branched to the base. Slight purplish tints in autumn. Slight Japanese beetle damage.	Superior (5)
<b>Rhododendron 'Northern Lights'</b>	1	15-18"	pink	Zone 4	Not flowering at this time. Plant tremendously stressed from drought, leaf scorch severe. May not survive.	Premature
<b>Rhododendron 'Orchid Lights'</b>	1	15-18"	white	Zone 4	Few blooms to date. Young specimen fully branched to base. Foliage clean and fine-textured.	Premature
<b>Rhododendron 'Parade'</b>	14	4-7'	pink & red	Zone 5	Moderate to heavy blooms in late season. Fruit capsules and flower buds present. Slight re-bloom (September) evident on one specimen. Habit upright to vase-shaped, but fairly well-branched to base. Moderate Japanese beetle damage. Lost three specimens to drought from 1998-99.	Good to excellent (3-4)
<b>Rhododendron 'Peach Sunset'</b>	2	2-3'	orange/ yellow & pink	Zone 5	Slight flowering to date, flower buds and fruit capsules present. Foliage suffering from moderate powdery mildew infection. Nice fall color tints of purple to scarlet. Slight sawfly damage.	Premature
<b>Rhododendron periclymenoides (1990 Accession)</b>	5	1½-3'	white & pink	Zone 4	Moderate blooming to date, flower buds and fruit capsules present. Plant slow-growing, somewhat lacking in vigor. Has held up well in drought. Foliage light green and clean.	Good (3)
<b>Rhododendron periclymenoides (1989 Accession)</b>	4	2-5'	white & pink	Zone 4	Many blooms to date, numerous flower buds and fruit capsules present. Nice rounded, clean-growing shrubs, has held up rather well in drought. Slight sawfly damage.	Good to excellent (3-4)
<b>Rhododendron periclymenoides × R. prinophyllum (1989 Accession)</b>	3	2-6'	pink	Zone 4	Moderate to many blooms, flower buds and fruit capsules present. Habit upright, branched fairly well to base. Slight sawfly	Good (3)

					damage. Lost two specimens in 1998. One additional specimen not likely to survive through the winter.	
<b><i>Rhododendron</i> 'Pink Peppermint'</b>	2	12-18"	pink	Zone 5	Slight flowering to date, flower buds and fruit capsules present. Loss of branch tips and leaf defoliation during 1999 drought. Fall color orange to red.	Premature
<b><i>Rhododendron</i> 'Pink Williams'</b>	3	1½-2"	pink	Zone 5	Few blooms to date, flower buds present. Fairly vigorous grower with a shapely, dense habit. Slight powdery mildew infection.	Premature
<b><i>Rhododendron</i> 'Primrose'</b>	2	1½-2'	orange/ yellow	Zone 5	Slight flowering to date, flower buds present. Good looking young plants with clean foliage and dense habit. Slight sawfly damage.	Premature
<b><i>Rhododendron prinophyllum</i> (1994 Accession)</b>	3	1½-2'	pink	Zone 4	No flowering to date. Sawfly damage moderate, Japanese beetle damage slight. Drought damage evident through leaf scorch and repeated wilting.	Premature
<b><i>Rhododendron prinophyllum</i> (1989 Accession)</b>	7	3-6'	pink	Zone 4	Moderate to heavy flowering over the years. Flower buds and fruit capsules present. Leaf scorch and defoliation reflect severe drought damage. Slight sawfly damage.	Good (3)
<b><i>Rhododendron prinophyllum</i> 'Marie Hoffman'</b>	1	2-3'	pink	Zone 4	Slight flowering to date. Clean foliage, nicely branched to base.	Premature
<b><i>Rhododendron prunifolium</i></b>	1	12-15"	orange/ yellow & red	Zone 5	Not flowering to date. Shapely small specimen with clean foliage.	Premature
<b><i>Rhododendron reticulatum</i></b>	4	2-3'	purple	Zone 6 (5)	Did not flower in 1999, but has flowered well in previous years. Foliage shows some leaf scorch and Japanese beetle damage. Nice purple tints in autumn. Lost one specimen in 1998.	Fair to Good (2-3)
<b><i>Rhododendron</i> 'Rosata'</b>	3	2-3'	pink	Zone 5	Moderate to many blooms, flower buds and fruit capsules present. Foliage clean, but	Good to excellent (3-4)

					severely damaged from drought. Branch loss on one specimen.	
<b>Rhododendron 'Rosy Lights'</b>	1	15-18"	pink	Zone 3	Slight flowering to date, flower buds and fruit capsules present. Good looking young specimen that is well-branched to the base. Slight sawfly damage.	Premature
<b>Rhododendron 'Royal Lodge'</b>	3	4-5'	red	Zone 5	Moderate to many blooms, flower buds and fruit capsules present. Habit vertical with a loose and open branching structure. Slight Japanese beetle and sawfly damage.	Good (3)
<b>Rhododendron 'Salmon Joy'</b>	3	2½-4'	orange/ yellow & pink	Zone 5	Few flowers to date, flower buds present. Habit loose and irregular. Moderate sawfly damage. Some defoliation from drought.	Premature
<b>Rhododendron 'Sandra Marie'</b>	3	2-3'	orange/ yellow	Zone 5	Slight flowering to date, flower buds present. Clean foliage, nicely formed shrub with basal regeneration.	Premature
<b>Rhododendron 'Satan'</b>	3	3-4'	red	Zone 5	Slight flowering in 1999. All plants suffered severe drought damage in the form of defoliation and branch dieback. Survival of two of three specimens unlikely.	Premature
<b>Rhododendron 'Scarlet Pimpernel'</b>	2	4-5'	red	Zone 5	Moderate flowering to date, flower buds present. A bit too open and leggy, foliage clean and glossy medium green. Slight sawfly damage.	Good (3)
<b>Rhododendron schlippenbachii</b>	6	1½-2'	pink	Zone 4	Slight flowering to date, few flower buds present. Drought stress caused severe defoliation. Slow to flower, but worth the wait. One specimen lost to drought in 1999.	Excellent (4)
<b>Rhododendron 'Snowdrift'</b>	3	3-4'	white	Zone 5	Many flowers to date, flower buds present. Nice compact shrub with clean foliage. Some purple tint in the fall. Slight sawfly damage.	Good to excellent (3-4)

<b><i>Rhododendron</i> 'Sun Chariot'</b>	5	3-5'	orange/ yellow	Zone 5 (4)	Many flowers to date, flower buds and fruit capsules present. A fine, rounded shrub with good branch density. Attractive maroon tints in the fall. Prone to moderate powdery mildew infection.	Good to excellent (3-4)
<b><i>Rhododendron</i> 'Sunbonnet'</b>	5	3-5'	orange/ yellow	Zone 5	Many flowers to date, numerous flower buds and fruit capsules present. Good looking, shapely plant with excellent basal regeneration. Some defoliation and leaf scorch from drought.	Good to excellent (3-4)
<b><i>Rhododendron</i> 'Tintoretto'</b>	2	15-24"	orange/ yellow & red	Zone 5	Not flowering to date. Flower buds present. Young open specimens with some basal sprouting. Severe powdery mildew infection.	Premature
<b><i>Rhododendron</i> 'Toucan'</b>	4	5-6'	orange/ yellow- pink	Zone 5 (4)	Many flowers to date, flower buds and fruit capsules present. Fine selection with a vertical, arching habit. Clean foliage, dark glossy leaves. Slight sawfly damage.	Excellent (4)
<b><i>Rhododendron</i> 'Tunis'</b>	2	4-6'	red	Zone 5	Many flowers to date, flower buds and fruit capsules present. A broad rounded shrub with clean foliage. Slight Japanese beetle and sawfly damage.	Excellent (4)
<b><i>Rhododendron vaseyi</i></b>	3	4-6'	pink	Zone 5 (4)	Moderate to many blooms, flower buds present. Foliage clean with excellent orange to maroon fall color.	Superior (5)
<b><i>Rhododendron vaseyi</i> 'White Find'</b>	2	2-3'	white	Zone 5 (4)	Moderate to many blooms, clean foliage with superior fall color to species. Probably the best species for fall color in the collection (maroon to red and orange).	Superior (5)
<b><i>Rhododendron viscosum</i></b>	5	5-8'	white	Zone 4	Many blooms, flower buds and fruit capsules present. Extremely glossy, handsome foliage. Habit vertical, but well-branched to the base.	Superior (5)
<b><i>Rhododendron</i></b>	2	1½-2'	white	Zone 5	Slight flowering to date. Weak	Fair (2)

<b>'White Cap'</b>					grower, sparsely branched. Drought stress severe and one specimen may not survive. Powdery mildew infection moderate to severe.	
<b>Rhododendron 'White Lights'</b>	1	1½-2'	white	Zone 4	Slight flowering to date, flower buds present. Maroon tints in autumn. Sawfly damage moderate.	Premature
<b>Rhododendron 'Williams'</b>	2	2-3'	pink & red	Zone 5	Slight flowering to date, flower buds present. Foliage clean and habit vertical with little basal sprouting. Slight powdery mildew infection.	Premature
<b>Rhododendron 'Windsor Apple Blossom'</b>	1	3'	white	Zone 5	Moderate bloomer to date, numerous flower buds present. Shows good branch density. Foliage clean in late summer, but previously moderately to severely infected with powdery mildew.	Fair to good (2-3)