



Buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*)

Buttonbush is a hardy, multi-stemmed, deciduous shrub often grown for its unique spherical flowers in mid to late summer. Buttonbush can be a fast grower and performs best in moist, rich soils. It can even be grown in shallow water in a small pond or in areas prone to periodic flooding. A perfect choice for rain gardens, shoreline planting and erosion control...just don't let it dry out. Buttonbush ranges from central Ontario and southern Quebec south to Florida, Mexico and Central America. Outlier populations are found in California and Arizona.



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Plant Type: A member of the coffee plant family, buttonbush is a medium to large, multi-stemmed, deciduous shrub with irregular form.



Light Conditions: Full sun; will tolerate part sun.



Soil and Moisture: Moist to wet, rich soils. Suitable for a range of soil types, including clay.



Size/Height: On optimum sites buttonbush can grow to 3.6m (12 ft) tall x 2.4m (8 ft) wide.



Flowers/Fruit: Unique, globular white flowers are fragrant and highly attractive to pollinators.



Wildlife Benefits: The globular seed heads feed many birds, including waterfowl in wet areas.



Cautions: The leaves of this plant are toxic to humans