

## Azalea mollis

### (Deciduous Azalea, Melford Flame)

Rhododendron or Azalea comprises more than a thousand species. Plants in this genus are extremely variable in size, habit and floral form. Some can be a small shrub, some are small trees. They can be evergreen, deciduous or semi-evergreen and the flowers are generally borne in clusters. Usually they have a tubular shape with single or double petals. Generally, most prefer indirect light and organic, acid soil. Most are shallow-rooted and require a combination of good drainage and even soil moisture.



Plant Image

#### Landscape Information

**French Name:** Azalée caduque

**Plant Type:** Shrub

**Heat Zones:** 6, 7, 8, 9

**Hardiness Zones:** 8, 9, 10, 11

**Uses:** Specimen, Container, Cut Flowers / Arrangements

#### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Moderate

**Tree Shape:** Spreading, Upright

**Canopy Symmetry:** Irregular

**Canopy Density:** Medium

**Canopy Texture:** Medium

**Height at Maturity:** 0.5 to 1 m

**Spread at Maturity:** 0.5 to 1 meter

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Flower Image

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### Botanical Description

#### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Whorled

**Leaf Venation:** Pinnate

**Leaf Persistence:** Deciduous

**Leaf Type:** Simple

**Leaf Blade:** 5 - 10 cm

**Leaf Shape:** Oval

**Leaf Margins:** Entire

**Leaf Textures:** Hairy

**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Yellow, Orange

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#### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** True

**Flower Size Range:** 3 - 7

**Flower Type:** Solitary

**Flower Scent:** Pleasant

**Flower Color:** Yellow, Orange, Red, Pink

**Seasons:** Spring

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#### Trunk

**Trunk Has Crownshaft:** False

**Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage:** Suspected to breakage

**Number of Trunks:** Multi-Trunked

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Not Showy, Smooth

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#### Fruit

**Fruit Showiness:** False

**Seasons:** Spring

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### Horticulture Management

#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** No

**Heat Tolerant:** No

**Drought Tolerant:** No

**Salt Tolerance:** Poor

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Loam

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic

**Water Requirements:** Moderate

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part

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#### Management

**Toxity:** Yes

**Invasive Potential:** No

**Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases:** Yes

**Pruning Requirement:** Little needed, to develop a strong structure

**Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter:** Yes

**Surface Rooting:** No

**Life Span:** Less than 25

**Diseases:** Powdery Mildew, Rusts, Fungus

**Edible Parts:** None

**Pests:** Whitefly

**Plant Propagations:** Seed, Cutting

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Fruit Image



Bark Image



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