

**Summersweet (*Clethra alnifolia*):** This deciduous shrub is also called coastal sweet-pepper bush. It is branched and leafy with multiple stems and green leaves, which turn dull yellow to orange in the fall. Its fragrant flowers are white and yield brown fruiting capsules that persist through winter. Bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds use its flowers for pollen and nectar and many birds and mammals eat its fruit. Blooms July through August.

