

## *Rhododendron ciliatum*

**Botanical name:** *Rhododendron ciliatum*

**Common name:** Fringed Leaf Rhododendron

### **Morphological characters:**

It is a shrub that grows to 0.3–2 m in height, with leathery leaves that are elliptic or oblong-elliptic to oblong-lanceolate, 3–8 by 1.6–3.7 cm in size. The usual flower color, and perhaps the most pleasing, is white streaked with a flush of pink. It has been described as white streaked with contains three or four flowers, but the maximum is five. They are held and displayed rather loosely with a flat top. Overall the large flowers and loose truss give a light and airy grace which goes well with the character of the plant's growth. Although described as a dwarf or semi-dwarf it certainly cannot always be called a compact plant.



### **Growing season and type:**

1. It is a heavy and faithful bloomer and has good heat tolerance.
2. Both in the wild and in cultivation, groups of plants tend to form thickets about three feet high in twenty years.
3. This makes a good planting in front of taller growing rhododendrons, especially those of bright color that bloom at the same time as *R. ciliatum*.
4. It appreciates plenty of moisture and good drainage, and generally tolerates a slightly higher pH than many rhododendrons.



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1. Flower of *Rhododendron ciliatum*
2. Leaf of *Rhododendron ciliatum*
3. *Rhododendron ciliatum* plant

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