## Rhododendron tsutsuji

Botanical name: *Rhododendron tsutsuji* Common name: Azaleas

## **Morphological characters:**

Tsutsusi are characterised by the presence of terminal buds that contain both floral and vegetative shoots. Many also have flattened multicellular ferrugineous (rust coloured) hairs, which can cover the leaves and stems providing a coppery



appearance, or pseudoverticillate leaves that arerhombic in shape. However some have hairs confined to the axils, or base of floral buds.

## Growing season and type:

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- 1. Flower of *Rhododendron tsutsuji*
- 2. Leaf of Rhododendron tsutsuji
- 3. Rhododendron tsutsuji plant

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rhododendron\_sect.\_Tsutsusi