

Alternative Species

Taxonomic Name: *Kolkwitzia amabilis*

Common Name: *Beautybush*

Physical Description:

Growth Type: *Kolkwitzia amabilis* is a large deciduous shrub to small tree growing up to 10 feet tall and just as wide. The mature plants growth is upright and arching with a multistemmed fountain shape. The base usually becomes leggy with as the age of the shrub increases.



Leaf Arrangement: The leaves of this shrub grow up to 3 inches long with an opposite pattern. They grow in an oval shape with an acuminate tip. The leaves are marked by a dark green leaf color and have a few teeth on the margin.



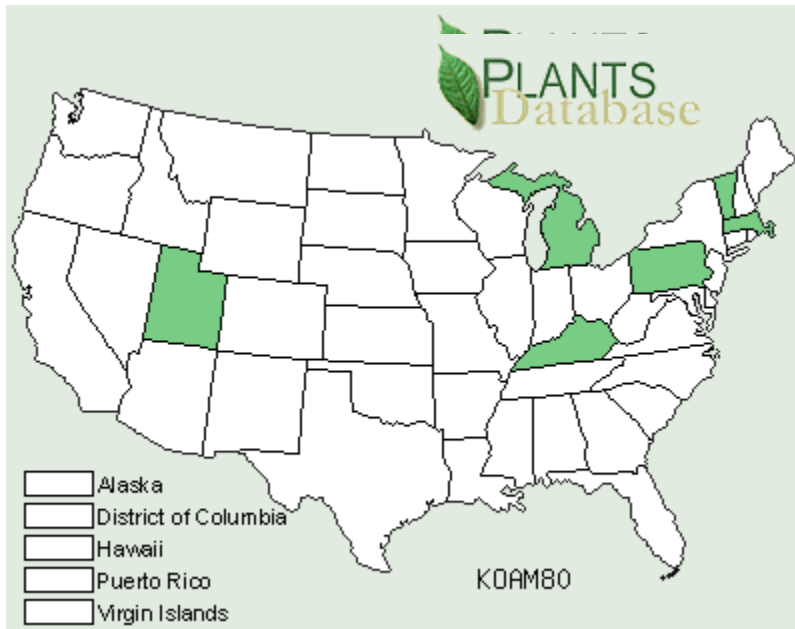
Flowers: The flowers of the beauty bush are bell shaped and have a flaring mouth. They begin to appear in May and are pink or yellow at the throat. They grow about half an inch long and wide and are found in showy clusters.



Fruit: The fruit of the beautybush is a bristly capsule. They are ovoid in shape and only ¼ inch long. The seeds are durable and can be found into the winter months.

Bark: *The bark of the bush is light grey-brown in color. On older stems of the shrub it is found to peel and bristle from the plant.*

Coverage Area:



Sources:

<http://plants.usda.gov/java/profile?symbol=KOAM80>

<http://www.hort.uconn.edu/Plants/k/kolama/kolama1.html>