

Alternative Species

Taxonomic Name: *Weigela florida*

Common Name: *Old fashioned weigela*

Physical Description:

Growth Type: *Weigela florida* is deciduous shrub that grows to be 6-9 feet tall and 9-12 wide. It spreads but maintains its rounded shape. The branches arch up and outward sometimes reaching the ground.



Leaves: The leaves are arranged in opposite fashion and get as large as 4 inches long. They have a simple ovate shape with medium serrations on the edge. Their color is medium green in the summer with hardly any color in the fall

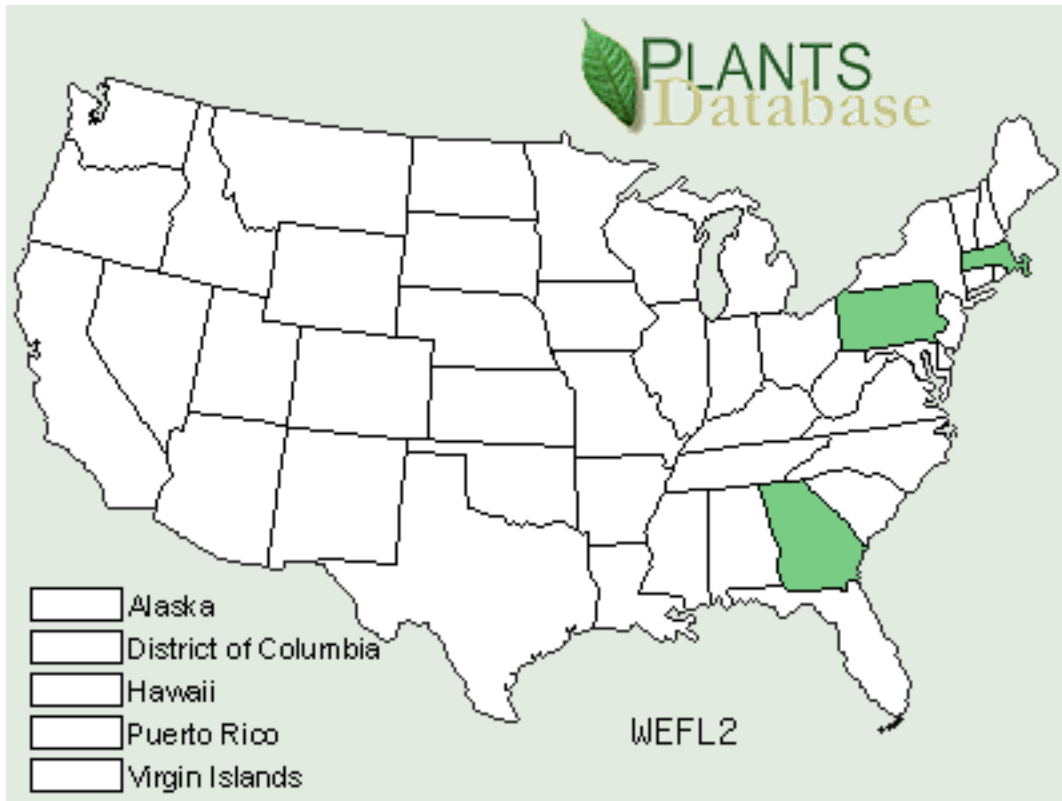
Flowers: The flowers appear first in early summer and sometimes in late summer. The plants will remain in bloom for about two weeks. The flowers are funnel-shaped and are about 2 inches long and 1 inch in diameter. They come in a variety of colors from light pink to dark red.



Fruit: The seeds are smooth capsules that are 2 valved and about 1 inch long. They are not ornamental

Bark: The bark is a gray brown color and has hair between the nodes of the branch.

Coverage Area: *(this plant has been introduced to the United States but has escaped cultivation, as noted on the map below).*



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