

Plant Indicator Species for Kettle Shrub Pool

The plants described below can often be used as field indicators for identifying this habitat when other physical and biological features of the habitat are present.

swamp azalea (*Rhododendron viscosum*)

(shrub)

- leaves egg-shaped, leathery, glossy
- leaves more densely clustered toward ends of twigs
- flowers white to pinkish, vase-shaped, very fragrant (June – September)
- flower tubes pinkish with sticky hairs



buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*)

(shrub)

- leaves opposite or whorled
- flowers tiny, white, aggregated into 1 in diameter sphere
- sphere turns brown (and shrinks) and persists as “button” through winter



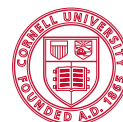
highbush blueberry (*Vaccinium corymbosum*)

(shrub)

- leaves pale green to bright green, dull or shiny, toothed or not
- twigs reddish or gray; often slightly shaggy
- flowers small and bell-shaped; white, pink, or reddish



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