

## *Cephalanthus occidentalis*

### Buttonbush

**Height:** 5-12'

**Spread:** 4-8'

**Sun:** full sun to part shade

**Soil Moisture:** wet to mesic

**Soil Types:** clay, loam, sand

**Bloom Time:** June

**Bloom Description:** The unusual blooms consist of fragrant tiny flowers with long pistils arranged in a one-inch globe on a long stalk. Long-lasting blossoms are white or pale-pink.

**Leaf:** bronze, burgundy, or yellow tones in autumn.

**Fruit:** showy hard spherical ball-like fruits persist throughout the winter

**Uses:** Rain garden, natural woodlands, pond margins, low spots, shrub borders, shallow water at edge of ponds or large water gardens. Winter interest.

**Wildlife:** Ducks and other water birds and shorebirds consume the seeds.

**Nectar:** Honeybees, bumblebees, cuckoo bees, long-horned bees, other bees, flies as well as butterflies, skippers, and hummingbirds

**Larval Host:** Titan sphinx, Hydrangea sphinx

**Pollinators:** See nectar

**Deer Resistant:** Moderate

**Comments:** Pruning is usually not necessary but may be done in early spring to shape. Plants may be cut back near to the ground in early spring to revitalize.

