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# Diervilla lonicera

## Bush Honeysuckle



The leaves of this small shrub emerge in mid-May, turning yellow then orange then red in autumn. Flowering is at its height in July, when small funnel-shaped yellow flowers appear. Textured bark provides interest in winter. Tolerates heat and drought well. Note that this is not one of the exotic invasive honeysuckles (*Lonicera* sp.).

**Suggested companions:** old-field goldenrod (*Solidago nemoralis*), smooth aster (*Aster laevis*), little bluestem (*Schizochyrium scoparium*), hazelnut (*Corylus americana*), black oak (*Quercus velutina*).

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Plant Type: Shrub  
Size: 1-3' H  
1-3' W

Water Tolerant: No

Habitat:

Open field/ Prairie  
Forested Upland  
Woodland Margin

Soil: Average Garden Soil  
Sandy/ Gravelly  
Rich Moist  
Clay

Exposure: sun  
filtered  
shade

Flower Color:

Yellow  
Orange  
Red

Plant in:

Groundcover: No

Bloom Time:

June  
July  
August

Other Attributes:

Fall color  
Winter interest