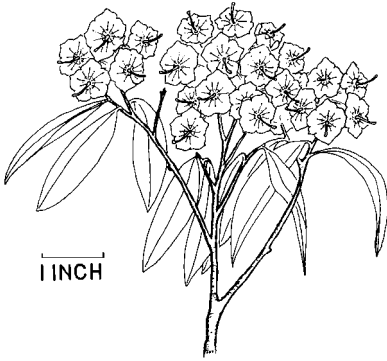


MOUNTAIN-LAUREL

Kalmia latifolia L.

Mountain-laurel is an erect-stemmed low shrub or small tree that grows in rocky woods or low ground. It is widely distributed, but local; absent in Somerset, Franklin, Kennebec and Androscoggin Counties. Mountain-laurel occurs rarely and is listed on the State 'watch' list.

The **leaves** are evergreen, green on both sides, elliptical, up to three inches long and one inch wide. They are flat, thick and leathery with an entire margin, and are narrowed at both ends. Arrangement is mostly alternate, sometimes opposite and rarely occurs in threes, grouped at the tip of the twig. The **flowers** are pink in color with variations possible. They are borne in erect, terminal clusters. The



fruit are globose, woody capsules borne on erect, hairy, sticky stalks that are many times longer than the diameter of the capsules. The capsules have long, persistent styles. The **twigs** are

rounded and sticky at first, but later becoming smooth.

ALTERNATE-LEAF DOGWOOD

Cornus alternifolia L. f.

Alternate-leaf or blue dogwood occurs throughout the state as a shrub or small tree up to 20 feet tall. The **leaves** are alternate, entire, elliptic-ovate, and tend to be crowded at the ends of the twigs. They are 2½ - 4½ inches long, yellowish green, smooth above, and have appressed hairiness beneath. The creamy white **flower** clusters appear in June after the leaves have developed. The **fruit** is a bluish black drupe, somewhat round, about ⅓ inch in diameter which ripens in September and October. The **twigs** are often lustrous and greenish-brown. Dead twigs become bright yellow-green in color.