



# Monji Plant Profile

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## Red Bird Azalea

*Azalea Phoenicia*

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<u>Hardiness</u>	<u>Exposure</u>	<u>Soil</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Height</u>
Zones 8b-11	Morning sun	Acidic soil with organic matter	Regular to abundant watering	Red ruffled flowers in mid-spring	Up to 4 feet tall

*A common misconception about azaleas is that they can only be grown successfully in the shade. Unfortunately, this common belief is preventing many Bay Area gardeners from fully utilizing and enjoying this wonderful plant.*

*"Azaleas actually flower more brilliantly in partial to full sun," says Tom Wing, of Matsuda's nursery, which specializes in azaleas as well as other plants. Our grower points out that the most important consideration when choosing a location for the plant is that its roots remain cool.*

*This fact makes it possible to grow azaleas in the sun in San Francisco, Tiburon, southern Marin or any other area around the bay where the soil does not get baked by the sun.*

**All parts are poisonous**