



PALE-LAUREL
Kalmia polifolia

Located in bogs, swamps and moist soils in northern New Jersey, Pennsylvania and north. Also known as Bog-Laurel.

An evergreen shrub, smaller than *Kalmia angustifolia*, usually less than 0.5 m high. Leaves opposite each other on twigs (rarely in three's), lance-shaped with a blunt tip; leaves with little or no stem (attached directly to twig); green above, whitish beneath; often curled. Flowers in clusters on each stem; blooming from mid-May through July; pink to red; clusters located at the end of branches: Differs from *K. angustifolia* by having white leaf-undersides and flowers on end of branches; twigs of *K. polifolia* have two edges when cut in half, *K. angustifolia* is round. Fruit of *K. polifolia* is more pointed than *K. angustifolia*.