

***Rhododendron* 'Hot Line'**  
North Tisbury Azalea

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'Hot Line' was the first of the Music Street trio to flower. For its early history see *Rhododendron* 'Andante', another member of the trio. 'Hot Line' was also the hardiest, proving tougher in the killing winter of 1970–71. Dr. Rokujo had sent me seeds collected in 1963 from private gardens in Tokyo having the best new forms of the ancient Gumpo azaleas in Japan. The original seedling is in Play Pen 17-N. There are other plants rooted from it. The fuchsia red sparkles among the gentler colors. The ruffled flowers in 1967 were 3 inches across and 2 inches deep. Some flowers have up to seven petals. The color, like *Rhododendron* 'Glamour', is a strong purplish red. The oval evergreen leaves are 3½ cm by 1½ cm, and some are oblong 5 cm by 1½ cm. There are five stamens. The whole plant is compact. When in flower in June or July, this plant shouts for our attention.