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'Double Delight' is a hybrid native azalea from the extensive collection of Joan Adcock of Newnan, Georgia. The specimen is a hybrid of *R. flammeum* and *R. canescens*. It exhibits three colors: creamy center, pale yellow blotch, and pinkish rose petals. It has a slight fragrance. It has grown to eight feet in 25 years.

