Hilda Niblett Azalea

Rhododendron 'Hilda Niblett'



Hilda Niblett Azalea flowers
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Height: 12 inches

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5

Group/Class: Robinhill Azaleas

Description:

A beautiful, unique variety with a very low spreading habit; elegant rose-pink and white blooms in spring and early summer; great for edging; absolutely must have well-drained, highly acidic and organic soil, use plenty of peat moss when planting



Hilda Niblett Azalea in bloom
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Ornamental Features

Hilda Niblett Azalea is covered in stunning clusters of rose trumpet-shaped flowers with white overtones and cherry red spots at the ends of the branches from mid spring to early summer. It has green evergreen foliage. The glossy narrow leaves remain green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Hilda Niblett Azalea is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Hilda Niblett Azalea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Hilda Niblett Azalea will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub does best in a location that gets morning sunlight but is shaded from the hot afternoon sun, although it will also grow in partial shade. Keep it away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth, but will die in standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is very fussy about its soil conditions and must have rich, acidic soils to ensure success, and is subject to chlorosis (yellowing) of the foliage in alkaline soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Hilda Niblett Azalea makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.