Dragon's Eye Rose

Rosa 'CLEdrag'



Dragon's Eye Rose flowers
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Height: 28 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 6

Other Names: Eye Of The Dragon Rose, The Dragon's Eye Rose

Group/Class: China Rose

Description:

A beautiful, vigorous china rose with high-centered, scarlet double blooms emerging from deep red buds; a good selection for containers or as a garden accent; moderate fragrance, bushy and dense

Ornamental Features

Dragon's Eye Rose features showy lightly-scented double scarlet flowers at the ends of the branches from late spring to mid fall, which emerge from distinctive dark red flower buds. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has green deciduous foliage. The glossy oval compound leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Dragon's Eye Rose is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Disease
- Spiny

Dragon's Eye Rose is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Dragon's Eye Rose will grow to be about 28 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Dragon's Eye Rose makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. 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.