The Shepherdess Rose

Rosa 'Austwist'



The Shepherdess Rose flowers
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Height: 4 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: English Rose

Group/Class: Austin Rose

Description:

An elegant variety producing apricot-pink cup shaped blooms in small clusters; needs full sun and well-drained soil; lovely fruit fragrance with hints of lemon; a robust and free flowering rose; makes a great cut flower

Ornamental Features

The Shepherdess Rose features showy fragrant double peach cup-shaped flowers with shell pink overtones and gold eyes at the ends of the branches from late spring to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has green deciduous foliage. The serrated oval compound leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

The Shepherdess 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 is a high maintenance shrub that will require regular care 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

The Shepherdess Rose is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

The Shepherdess Rose will grow to be about 4 feet 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 highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.