Nootka Rose

Rosa nutkana



Nootka Rose flowers
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Height: 8 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Bristly Rose, Wild Rose

Group/Class: Shrub Rose

Description:

A native variety that can be used as hedging or screening; clusters of dainty pink single flowers with the occasional brush of lavender; covered in large red hips in late fall and winter; adaptable, and tolerates partial shade and brief flooding

Ornamental Features

Nootka Rose is bathed in stunning clusters of lightly-scented pink flowers with yellow eyes at the ends of the branches from late spring to early summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has green deciduous foliage. The serrated oval compound leaves turn yellow in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Nootka 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 birds and bees to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Disease
- Spiny

Nootka Rose is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Nootka Rose will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. 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 species is native to parts of North America.