Tatarian Honeysuckle

Lonicera tatarica

Height: 12 feet

Spread: 12 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 2

Description:

A tall, spreading and bushy shrub valued for its showy light pink flowers in spring and bright red berries; can grow quite leggy and should be underplanted with low-growing shrubs; species is subject to aphid troubles, various selections are preferred



Tatarian Honeysuckle flowers
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Tatarian Honeysuckle in bloom
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Ornamental Features

Tatarian Honeysuckle is covered in stunning shell pink flowers with yellow anthers along the branches in late spring. It features an abundance of magnificent red berries from mid to late summer. It has green deciduous foliage. The oval leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Tatarian Honeysuckle is a dense 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 butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects

Tatarian Honeysuckle is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Windbreaks and Shelterbelts

Planting & Growing

Tatarian Honeysuckle will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 3 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 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 highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is not originally from North America.



Tatarian Honeysuckle fruit
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