Sweet Spirit™ Rose

Rosa 'Meithatie'



Sweet Spirit Rose flowers
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Height: 4 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5

Group/Class: Grandiflora Rose

Description:

Very attractive, fully double red blooms with a lovely sweet fragrance, on a low bushy shrub; performs well in hot, humid climates for a Grandiflora, having good disease resistance; perfect for landscaping, containers, or a flowering hedge

Ornamental Features

Sweet Spirit Rose features showy fragrant fully double red flowers with violet overtones at the ends of the branches from late spring to mid fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has forest green deciduous foliage which emerges coppery-bronze in spring. The glossy oval compound leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Sweet Spirit 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 to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spiny

Sweet Spirit Rose is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Sweet Spirit Rose will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. 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 30 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. 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.