Christi Lyn Azalea

Rhododendron 'Christi Lyn'



Christi Lyn Azalea foliage
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Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ◐

Hardiness Zone: 6

Description:

A stunning variety with red to pink single blooms that cover the branches in mid spring; unique variegated foliage is beautiful all season; absolutely must have well-drained, highly acidic and organic soil, use plenty of peat moss when planting

Ornamental Features

Christi Lyn Azalea is covered in stunning clusters of scarlet trumpet-shaped flowers at the ends of the branches in mid spring, which emerge from distinctive dark red flower buds before the leaves. It has attractive bluish-green foliage edged in creamy white with hints of silvery blue. The narrow leaves are highly ornamental but do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Christi Lyn Azalea is an open 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 relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Christi Lyn Azalea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Christi Lyn Azalea will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub does best in a location that gets morning sunlight but is shaded from the hot afternoon sun, although it will also grow in partial shade. Keep it away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth, but will die in standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. This plant will benefit from an application of bonemeal and/or mycorrhizal fertilizer at the time of planting. It is very fussy about its soil conditions and must have rich, acidic soils to ensure success, and is subject to chlorosis (yellowing) of the foliage in alkaline soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.