Silver Pink Rockrose

Cistus x argenteus 'Silver Pink'



Silver Pink Rockrose flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 30 inches

Spread: 30 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 7

Other Names: Grayswood Pink Rockrose, Rock Rose

Description:

Clusters of crinkled, papery, pink to silver flowers with golden centers, cover the fuzzy-textured, silvery-green foliage in late spring; a great groundcover or rock garden plant; tolerant of poor, dry soils, hot garden locations and salt spray

Ornamental Features

Silver Pink Rockrose is smothered in stunning shell pink round flowers with gold eyes and white centers at the ends of the branches from late spring to mid summer. It has attractive grayish green foliage with hints of silver. The fuzzy pointy leaves are highly ornamental but do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Silver Pink Rockrose is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Silver Pink Rockrose is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Silver Pink Rockrose will grow to be about 30 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 inches. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in poor soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Silver Pink Rockrose makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.