Seminole Dombeya

Dombeya burgessiae 'Seminole'



Seminole Dombeya flowers
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Height: 8 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 9

Other Names: Tropical Rose Hydrangea, Florida Hydrangea

Description:

A beautiful evergreen shrub with large, heart shaped, dark green leaves; large clusters of luminous pink flowers at the branch tips from fall to spring, then persist until summer; drought tolerant once established; a fine garden or border accent



Seminole Dombeya in bloom
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Ornamental Features

Seminole Dombeya features showy balls of pink bell-shaped flowers at the ends of the branches from mid fall to early spring. It has dark green evergreen foliage. The large heart-shaped leaves remain dark green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Seminole Dombeya is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Seminole Dombeya is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Seminole Dombeya will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 2 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 80 years or more.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. 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. To help this plant achive its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Seminole Dombeya makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. 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.