Pink-flowered Currant

Ribes sanguineum var. glutinosum



Pink-flowered Currant fruit
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Height: 12 feet

Spread: 7 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8

Other Names: Pink Flowering Currant

Description:

A very attractive deciduous garden shrub valued for showy pink flowers in winter to spring, followed by dark purple berries; upright and bushy, holds its shape well, can grow quite tall; excellent as a garden accent, also makes a good tall hedge or screen

Ornamental Features

Pink-flowered Currant features showy racemes of pink tubular flowers hanging below the branches from mid winter to early spring, which emerge from distinctive red flower buds. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The textured lobed leaves turn outstanding shades of orange and in the fall. It produces deep purple berries from early to late summer, which fade to silver over time.

Landscape Attributes

Pink-flowered Currant is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a shapely form and gracefully arching branches. 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 is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Pink-flowered Currant is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Pink-flowered Currant will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 7 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. 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 is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is native to parts of North America.