Essex Rose

Rosa 'Essex'



Essex Rose flowers
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Height: 24 inches

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4

Group/Class: Shrub Rose

Description:

A superior trailing groundcover rose that spreads much wider than tall, produces copious single pink flowers with white centers over the entire season; all roses need full sun and well-drained soil

Ornamental Features

Essex Rose is draped in stunning rose flowers with yellow eyes and white centers at the ends of the branches from late spring to late summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has forest green deciduous foliage. The glossy oval compound leaves turn yellow in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Essex Rose is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a mounded form. 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 high maintenance shrub that will require regular care and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Disease
- Spiny

Essex Rose is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Essex Rose will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 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 20 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. 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 somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Essex Rose 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.