Flowering Raspberry

Rubus odoratus

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4



Flowering Raspberry flowers
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Description:

A shrubby mounded plant with fragrant light purple flowers throughout summer and rather large decorative foliage, forms a tall, open mound; performs well in shade, but very spiny and somewhat aggressive, use in the back of the garden

Ornamental Features

Flowering Raspberry has fragrant rose flowers with yellow eyes and white centers at the ends of the branches from late spring to early summer. It has green deciduous foliage. The lobed leaves turn yellow in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Flowering Raspberry is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous 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 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. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spiny

Flowering Raspberry is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Flowering Raspberry will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 2 feet 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 20 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. 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. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is native to parts of North America.