Swarthmore Rose

Rosa 'Swarthmore'



Swarthmore Rose flowers
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Height: 4 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 6

Group/Class: Hybrid Tea Rose

Description:

A lovely compact bush that yields stunning double blooms in shades of purple and deep pink, one of the more purple roses available, deliciously fragrant; makes an ideal showpiece in the garden border

Ornamental Features

Swarthmore Rose features showy lightly-scented fully double purple flowers with rose overtones at the ends of the branches from late spring to mid summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The glossy oval compound leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color. The fruits are showy red hips displayed from early to late fall.

Landscape Attributes

Swarthmore Rose is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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

Swarthmore Rose is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Swarthmore Rose will grow to be about 4 feet 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.