Marjorie Azalea

Rhododendron 'Marjorie'



Marjorie Azalea flowers
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Height: 4 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Group/Class: Gable Hybrids

Description:

One of the most beautiful azaleas, this garden gem features cool plum-purple flowers in spring on a mounded plant, does well in shaded locations and woodland plantings; must have acidic and highly organic soil



Marjorie Azalea in bloom
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Ornamental Features

Marjorie Azalea is blanketed in stunning clusters of plum purple trumpet-shaped flowers with deep purple spots at the ends of the branches in mid spring. It has green evergreen foliage. The narrow leaves remain green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Marjorie Azalea is an open multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

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 has no significant negative characteristics.

Marjorie Azalea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Marjorie Azalea will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub does best in a location that gets morning sunlight but is shaded from the hot afternoon sun, although it will also grow in partial shade. Keep it away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth, but will die in standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is very fussy about its soil conditions and must have rich, acidic soils to ensure success, and is subject to chlorosis (yellowing) of the foliage in alkaline soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.