Winter Currant

Ribes sanguineum

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 7 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5

Description:

An attractive ornamental shrub valued for its showy flowers in various shades of pink in early spring, insignificant fruit; 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

Winter Currant features showy racemes of pink tubular flowers hanging below the branches in mid spring. It has green deciduous foliage. The lobed leaves turn yellow in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Winter Currant is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined 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 is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Winter Currant is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Winter Currant will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 7 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.



Winter Currant flowers
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Winter Currant in bloom
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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.