



## Hong Xing Tree Peony

*Paeonia rockii 'Hong Xing'*

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ☐ ☒

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Red Star Tree Peony

### Description:

Large ball shaped red flowers with golden-yellow centers adorn this stately plant in spring; great as an accent in the garden or massed in borders; unlike perennial peonies, remember not to prune this variety

### Ornamental Features

Hong Xing Tree Peony features bold lightly-scented fully double red ball-shaped flowers with gold eyes at the ends of the branches from mid to late spring. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has green deciduous foliage. The compound leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

### Landscape Attributes

Hong Xing Tree Peony is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should never be pruned except to remove any dieback, as it tends not to take pruning well. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Hong Xing Tree Peony is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

### Planting & Growing

Hong Xing Tree Peony will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It has a low canopy. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.



*Hong Xing Tree Peony flowers*  
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This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. 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 pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is quite intolerant of urban pollution, therefore inner city or urban streetside plantings are best avoided. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.