



Azalea, Girard's Fuchsia
Rhododendron 'Girard's Fuchsia'

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Group/Class: Girard Hybrids

Description:

A hardy variety with bright fuchsia blooms that cover a dense mounded shrub in mid spring; ideal when massed in borders, foundation plantings, or low screening; absolutely must have well-drained, acidic and organic soil

Ornamental Features

Azalea, Girard's Fuchsia is covered in stunning clusters of lightly-scented fuchsia trumpet-shaped flowers with a dark red blotch at the ends of the branches in mid spring. It has green evergreen foliage which emerges light green in spring. The glossy narrow leaves remain green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Azalea, Girard's Fuchsia is an open multi-stemmed evergreen 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 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.

Azalea, Girard's Fuchsia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use



Azalea, Girard's Fuchsia flowers
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Azalea, Girard's Fuchsia in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Azalea, Girard's Fuchsia will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 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 partial shade to shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. It is particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for rich, acidic 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.

Special Attributes

These Azaleas are semi-evergreen, very cold winters they drop their foliage. Evergreens need to be watered during the winter. Our desert climate especially in late winter to early spring evergreens can suffer during next growing season. An easy way to remember check for dryness on the holidays Halloween, Thanksgiving, New Year's Day, Valentines Day & Easter.