



**Azalea, Hino Crimson**  
*Rhododendron 'Hino Crimson'*

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 6b

Group/Class: Kurume Hybrids

**Description:**

Striking crimson blooms cover this attractive dense compact shrub in mid spring; foliage is tiny giving a fine texture; ideal when massed in borders, foundation plantings, or low screening; absolutely must have well-drained, acidic and organic soil

**Ornamental Features**

Azalea, Hino Crimson is covered in stunning clusters of lightly-scented crimson trumpet-shaped flowers at the ends of the branches in mid spring. It has green evergreen foliage which emerges light green in spring. The small glossy narrow leaves turn an outstanding coppery-bronze in the fall, which persists throughout the winter.

**Landscape Attributes**

Azalea, Hino Crimson is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen 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 only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Azalea, Hino Crimson is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Azalea, Hino Crimson flowers*  
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*Azalea, Hino Crimson in bloom*  
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- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

### **Planting & Growing**

Azalea, Hino Crimson will grow to be about 3 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 partial shade to shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for 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.



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