Quince, Double Take Scarlet

Chaenomeles speciosa 'Scarlet Storm'



Quince, Double Take Scarlet flowers
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Height: 5 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Common Quince

Group/Class: Double Take Series

Description:

A medium sized shrub covered with lovely scarlet flowers in spring, a profuse bloomer that is thornless and does not produce fruit; a single-season showstopper adding vivid color in spring; prune to maintain shape



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Ornamental Features

Quince, Double Take Scarlet features showy double scarlet cup-shaped flowers with buttery yellow eyes along the branches in early spring before the leaves. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has green deciduous foliage which emerges red in spring. The glossy oval leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Quince, Double Take Scarlet is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Quince, Double Take Scarlet is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Quince, Double Take Scarlet will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, 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.

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. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.



Quince, Double Take Scarlet in bloom
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