Rose (Hybrid Tea), John F. Kennedy

Rosa 'JFK'

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5b

Group/Class: Hybrid Tea Rose



Rose (Hybrid Tea), John F. Kennedy in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Description:

An exceptional rose with a pleasant fragrance, producing large, elegant white blooms over disease resistant, leathery green foliage; excellent for cutting; blooms in flushes throughout the season; undaunted by hot summers



Rose (Hybrid Tea), John F. Kennedy flowers
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Ornamental Features

Rose (Hybrid Tea), John F. Kennedy features showy lightly-scented double white flowers at the ends of the branches from late spring to mid fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has green deciduous foliage. The oval compound leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Rose (Hybrid Tea), John F. Kennedy is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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 is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting bees to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spiny

Rose (Hybrid Tea), John F. Kennedy is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Rose (Hybrid Tea), John F. Kennedy 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 approximately 20 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. 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 not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for acidic soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Special Attributes

Pre-spring Cleanup for Hybrid Tea Roses in Late January into February cut back to about 24 inches tall. Remove criss-crossing canes, thin out a fifth of the older canes, remove dead or weak canes , clean up any damage, open up the center. Deadhead after blooming.