Alexander Mackenzie Rose

Rosa 'Alexander Mackenzie'



Alexander Mackenzie Rose in bloom
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Height: 6 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3

Group/Class: Explorer Rose

Description:

An Explorer series rose, featuring very showy fragrant double red flowers in early summer, repeat-blooming; tall upright habit, very hardy and resistant to disease, an ideal garden shrub; all roses need full sun and well-drained soil

Ornamental Features

Alexander Mackenzie Rose is covered in stunning lightly-scented double red flowers with cherry red overtones at the ends of the branches from late spring to late summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The oval compound leaves turn yellow in fall. The spiny brick red bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Alexander Mackenzie Rose 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 is a high maintenance shrub that will require regular care and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Disease
- Spiny

Alexander Mackenzie Rose is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Alexander Mackenzie Rose will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 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 fast 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. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.