John Davis Rose

Rosa 'John Davis'



John Davis Rose flowers
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Height: 6 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 2

Group/Class: Explorer Rose

Description:

This exceptional climbing rose is covered in clusters of fragrant double pink flowers all season long, and is resistant to disease; many consider it one of the best covers for arbors and fences; all roses need full sun and well-drained soil



John Davis Rose in bloom
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Ornamental Features

John Davis Rose is smothered in stunning fragrant semi-double pink flowers with yellow eyes along 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 and brick red branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

John Davis Rose is a multi-stemmed deciduous woody vine with a twining and trailing 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 woody vine 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

John Davis Rose is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

Planting & Growing

John Davis Rose will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. As a climbing rose, it can be leggy near the base and may be concealed by underplanting with lower-growing facer plants. It should be planted near a fence, trellis or other landscape structure where it can be trained to grow upwards on it, or allowed to trail off a retaining wall or slope. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This woody vine 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.