Longfellow's Greenhouses

Carolina Rose

Rosa carolina

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Pasture Rose

Description:

A native rose variety that occurs in average to wet soils; features single pink flowers with yellow centers that bloom in mid-spring only; hips appear in late summer adding fall interest; excellent for pond edges and rock gardens

Ornamental Features

Carolina Rose features showy clusters of lightly-scented pink flowers with yellow eyes at the ends of the branches in mid spring. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The glossy oval compound leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color. The fruits are showy red hips displayed in late summer.

Landscape Attributes

Carolina 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 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 birds, bees and butterflies to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Disease
- Spiny



Carolina Rose flowers
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Carolina Rose in bloom
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Carolina Rose is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Carolina Rose will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 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 30 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It is quite adaptable, prefering to grow in average to wet conditions, and will even tolerate some standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is native to parts of North America.

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