

## Rock Rose



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*Pavonia lasiopetala*

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 8b

Other Names: Wright Pavonia, Texas Rock Rose, Pavonia wrightii

#### Description:

A native, upright shrubby perennial, producing pretty rose-pink flowers from spring to fall; extremely drought tolerant, thriving in hot, dry areas; a great addition to beds, rock gardens or containers; may be pruned regularly to maintain a desired shape

#### Ornamental Features

Rock Rose features showy rose round flowers with white eyes along the branches from mid spring to mid fall. Its serrated pointy leaves remain green in colour throughout the year. The brick red stems can be quite attractive.

#### Landscape Attributes

Rock Rose is an open multi-stemmed evergreen perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Self-Seeding

Rock Rose is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting



Rock Rose flowers  
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### Planting & Growing

Rock Rose will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. Although it is technically a woody plant, this plant can be expected to behave as a perennial in our climate if planted outdoors over the winter, usually regrowing from its base (crown) the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in sandy soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This species is native to parts of North America.

Rock Rose is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.