



**Boursault Catawba Rhododendron**  
*Rhododendron catawbiense 'Boursault'*

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: 5a

**Description:**

An attractive broadleaf evergreen shrub with lavender flowers in spring and a compact upright habit, quite hardy, good in partial shade; absolutely must have well-drained, highly acidic and organic soil, use plenty of peat moss when planting

**Ornamental Features**

Boursault Catawba Rhododendron is covered in stunning clusters of lavender trumpet-shaped flowers at the ends of the branches in mid spring, which emerge from distinctive violet flower buds. It has green evergreen foliage. The large narrow leaves remain green throughout the winter.

**Landscape Attributes**

Boursault Catawba Rhododendron is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Boursault Catawba Rhododendron is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use



*Boursault Catawba Rhododendron flowers*  
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*Boursault Catawba Rhododendron in bloom*  
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### **Planting & Growing**

Boursault Catawba Rhododendron will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth, but will die in standing water. It is very fussy about its soil conditions and must have rich, acidic soils to ensure success, and is subject to chlorosis (yellowing) of the foliage in alkaline soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selection of a native North American species.

Sizes Available:

15" \$61.99