



**Chilterns Rose**  
*Rosa 'Chilterns'*

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Other Names: Red Ribbons, Fiery Sunsation

Group/Class: Groundcover Rose

**Description:**

This vivacious variety produces clusters of flat semi-double crimson flowers with bright yellow eyes; robust foliage is dense, dark green and glossy; its spreading habit makes it perfect as a full sun groundcover for mass planting or for slopes

**Ornamental Features**

Chilterns Rose is blanketed in stunning lightly-scented crimson flowers with yellow eyes at the ends of the branches from late spring to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The glossy oval compound leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

**Landscape Attributes**

Chilterns Rose is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a ground-hugging 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 bees to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Chilterns Rose is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting



*Chilterns Rose flowers*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

### **Planting & Growing**

Chilterns Rose will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. 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 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 highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Chilterns Rose makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.