

Brazilian Rock Rose



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Pavonia braziliensis

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 8a

Description:

A semi-evergreen sub-shrub that is similar to hibiscus; produces attractive pale pink flowers from summer into fall; may become leggy, a light pruning in early spring will promote thicker growth; a great addition to rock gardens or containers

Ornamental Features

Brazilian Rock Rose features showy shell pink round flowers with dark red eyes along the branches from mid summer to mid fall. Its serrated pointy leaves emerge coppery-bronze in spring, turning green in color the rest of the year. The brick red stems can be quite attractive.

Landscape Attributes

Brazilian Rock Rose is an open multi-stemmed evergreen perennial with a more or less rounded form. 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 is best cut back to the ground in late winter before active growth resumes. 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;

- Insects

Brazilian Rock Rose is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Brazilian Rock Rose flowers
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Planting & Growing

Brazilian Rock Rose will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 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. This species is not originally from North America.

Brazilian Rock Rose is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used 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.

This plant is not reliably hardy in our region, and certain restrictions may apply; contact the store for more information.