Merlot Rose Weigela

Weigela florida 'Merlot Rose'



Merlot Rose Weigela flowers
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Height: 3 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Description:

An impressive variety that forms a low mounded shrub with rich coppery-bronze foliage all season long; merlot-rose colored, trumpet-shaped flowers attract hummingbirds in spring; very showy, ideal for the mixed garden border

Ornamental Features

Merlot Rose Weigela features showy clusters of rose trumpet-shaped flowers with buttery yellow anthers along the branches from mid to late spring. It has attractive coppery-bronze deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding burgundy in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Merlot Rose Weigela is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined 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 is a good choice for attracting hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Merlot Rose Weigela is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Merlot Rose Weigela 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 medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. 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 is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Merlot Rose Weigela makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use 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 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.