Sunbelt® Desmond Tutu™ Rose

Rosa 'KORtutu'



Sunbelt Desmond Tutu Rose flowers
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Height: 3 feet

Spread: 30 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Group/Class: Floribunda Rose

Description:

Exciting clusters of large, elegant deep red blooms, opening from high centered buds; blooms as singles or in clusters over dark green, disease resistant foliage; will make a stunning visual impact along walkways, borders, or in the garden



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Ornamental Features

Sunbelt Desmond Tutu Rose features showy lightly-scented double red flowers with gold eyes at the ends of the branches from late spring to mid 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

Sunbelt Desmond Tutu Rose is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading 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. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spiny

Sunbelt Desmond Tutu Rose is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Sunbelt Desmond Tutu Rose will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 inches. 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 does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. To help this plant achive its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. 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.