Memorial Rose

Rosa wichuraiana var. poterifolia



Memorial Rose flowers
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Height: 10 inches

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Group/Class: Groundcover Rose

Description:

A dense, groundcover variety producing lovely, late season clusters of white single blooms with yellow centers; semi-evergreen foliage is dense, glossy dark green and disease resistant; moderate fruity fragrance; great for border fronts

Ornamental Features

Memorial Rose is blanketed in stunning clusters of lightly-scented white flowers with yellow eyes at the ends of the branches from mid summer to mid fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has dark green evergreen foliage. The small glossy oval compound leaves remain dark green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Memorial Rose is a multi-stemmed evergreen 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 and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Memorial Rose is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Memorial Rose will grow to be about 10 inches 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. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the 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 species is not originally from North America.

Memorial 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. 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.