

Rising Sun Native Rhododendron



Perfect for use as a large shrub or small, understory tree in woodland borders or other areas of the landscape that provide dappled shade or morning sun with afternoon shade. Use it as a specimen or plant several in a cluster.

Rhododendron austrinum 'Rising Sun'

- **Use:** The Glenn Dale evergreen hybrids were developed in Maryland from *R. indicum*, *R. kaempferi*, *R. simsii* and many other species and hybrids. They are compact, spreading, evergreen azaleas developed primarily for cold hardiness along the mid-Atlantic states. Flowers are borne in showy trusses of 1 to 4 per cluster. Bloom time is late April in warmer areas and as late as mid-June in cooler climates. This is usually a back of the border azalea because most of the Glenn Dales are taller, though not all.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Part sun to shade. As with other azaleas, the partial shade of tall trees overhead is the ideal. You just need to water it during times when it isn't raining enough. Plant them shallowly and mulch well to conserve moisture and suppress weeds. Grows best in moist, well-drained, organic soils with a pH range from 4.5 to 6.0. "Well-drained" is the key. Planting it in places that don't drain well is a sure death sentence.
- **Growth:** Moderate grower to 6 to 10 ft. tall, 3 to 5 ft. wide in an upright habit. The flower buds develop in summer for the following spring's display, so prune shortly after flowering, if necessary. Ideally, plant them where they will not require pruning.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 7-8; Shrub
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Leaves up to 4" long, light green with variegated leaves.
- **Flower:** Soft yellow Spring blooms that are very fragrant.