

Purpureum Elegans Rhododendron



Rhododendron catawbiense 'Purpureum Elegans'

- **Use:** Covered in stunning clusters of lightly-scented purple trumpet-shaped flowers with a burgundy blotch at the ends of the branches in mid spring. It has dark green evergreen foliage. The glossy narrow leaves remain dark green throughout the winter.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Part sun to shade. You may want to keep it away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth, but will die in standing water. It is very fussy about its soil conditions and must have rich, acidic soils to ensure success, and is subject to chlorosis (yellowing) of the foliage in alkaline soils. Planting it in places that don't drain well is a sure death sentence.
- **Growth:** will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 7 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more. Should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers.
- **Hardiness:** Zones 6-8 Shrub
- **Foliage:** Evergreen. Leaves are lance shaped, medium sized and dark green.
- **Flower:** Large, lightly scented purple blooms with burgundy blotches adorn this stately variety in mid spring.



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