

Roseum Elegans Rhododendron



This is a selection of a native North American species.



Rhododendron catawbiense 'Roseum Elegans'

- **Use:** A vigorous-growing, medium-sized evergreen shrub, valued for its large trusses of rose-lilac-colored flowers. Thrives in cooler regions but benefits from protection from winter winds. An outstanding choice for foundation plantings or for use as an accent specimen.
- 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:** Moderate growing; reaches 6 to 8 ft. tall and wide. 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 rounded clusters of rosy lavender flowers which can hold up to 20 attractive bell-shaped flowers with delicate reddish-brown dorsal spotting.

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