



Species: *Rhododendron catawbiense*

(ro-do-den'dron ka-taw-bi-en'see)

Catawba Rhododendron

Cultivar Information

Numerous cultivars with flowers of many colors.

* See specific cultivar notes on next page.

Ornamental Characteristics

Size: Shrub 4 to 8 feet

Height: 6' - 10'

Leaves: Evergreen

Shape: dense shrub; oval-rounded

Ornamental Other: Broadleaf evergreen; flowers many colors in May/June; dark green foliage.

Environmental Characteristics

Light: Part shade

Hardy To Zone: 4a

Soil Ph: Requires acid (pH 5.0 to 7.0)

Environmental Other: Durable and easy to grow in moist, acid soil. Protect from full summer sun and wind.

Insect Disease

many: lace-wing fly, black vine and strawberry weevils, borers, twig blight, dieback, wilt; lacebug can be a problem in full sun; susceptible to winter injury

Bare Root Transplanting

Any

Other

Native from mid Atlantic Alleghany mountains through to Georgia in Eastern US. Easy to transplant B & B or from container.

Cultivars for *Rhododendron catawbiense*

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Cultivar Name	Notes
Roseum Elegans	'Roseum Elegans' - lavender pink flowers
Cunningham	'Cunningham's White' - compact; pink buds open to white flowers
var. album	var. album - white flowers
Compactum	'Compactum' (a.k.a. var. compactum) - compact, low growing form; grows to about 3' tall
Catalgla	'Catalgla' - selection of variety album; this plant has been used in many hybrids to provide cold hardiness to the offspring, it is cold hardy to -25 F
English Roseum	'English Roseum' (a.k.a. 'Roseum Pink') - compact habit; light rose flowers; vigorous growth; good cold hardiness
Grandiflorum	'Grandiflorum' - hardy to -25 F; lilac-colored flowers; probably an R. catawbiense hybrid
Purpureum Elegans	'Purpureum Elegans' - blue-purple flowers; good cold hardiness
Anna Rose Whitney	'Anna Rose Whitney' - rose pink flowers; grows to 8' tall and wide
Boursault	'Boursault' - lavender flowers; grows to 5' tall and wide
Boule De Neige	'Boule De Neige' - compact and tight mounding form; dull green leathery foliage; pink buds turn to white flowers; grows to 3 - 4' tall and wide in 10 years
Chionoides	'Chionoides' - large white blooms with yellow blotches; grows to 6' high and wide
Cheer	'Cheer' - compact habit; light pink flowers with red spots; grows to 5' tall and wide
Henry's Red	'Henry's Red' - dark maroon to red flowers; grows to 6' tall x 4' wide
'Lee's Dark Purple'	Lee's Dark Purple - compact form; very hardy; very dark purple buds opening to violet-purple flowers; textured, wavy-edged dark green leaves
Nova Zembla	'Nova Zembla' - red flowers; cold hardy; grows to 5' tall x 6' wide

Photos



Rhododendron catawbiense - Leaves, Bud



Rhododendron catawbiense - Habit, Flowers



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Rhododendron catawbiense - Flowers



Rhododendron catawbiense - Leaves, Fruit



Rhododendron catawbiense - Habit, Flowers



Rhododendron catawbiense - Flowers