



Species: *Rhododendron maximum*

(ro-do-den'dron maks'i-mum)

Rosebay Rhododendron

Cultivar Information

* See specific cultivar notes on next page.

Ornamental Characteristics

Size: Shrub > 8 feet

Height: 15' - 20' (equal spread)

Leaves: Evergreen

Shape: massive rounded shrub; loose and open

Ornamental Other: Broadleaf evergreen; large leaves; pink buds open to white flowers in June.

Environmental Characteristics

Light: Part shade, Shade

Hardy To Zone: 3b

Soil Ph: Requires acid (pH 5.0 to 7.0)

Environmental Other: Cold hardy, needs shade and excellent drainage.

Insect Disease

most not serious except leaf scorch

Bare Root Transplanting

Any

Other

Native from Georgia through Nova Scotia in understory of hilly areas.

Cultivars for *Rhododendron maximum*

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Cultivar Name	Notes
Leachii	'Leachii' (a.k.a. var. leachii) - compact form; curly, wide leaves; pinkish white flowers
Midsummer	'Midsummer' - pink flowers with gold throat
Pride's Pink	'Pride's Pink' - pink flowers; very hardy
var. album	var. album - flowers of this form are white or nearly so
var. purpureum	var. purpureum - flowers colored deep pink to purple with green spotting
var. roseum	var. roseum (a.k.a. 'Roseum') - reddish buds open to reveal pink flowers; reddish stems; dark green foliage; vigorous grower, to 12' tall
Compactum	'Compactum' - compact, mounding form; large, olive green leaves with tan undersides; pink buds open to white; grows to 4 - 5' high and wide
Independence	'Independence' - dense, rounded form; clear pink flowers bloom up 6 weeks later than other large leaf Rhodies; grows from 8 - 12' tall and wide

Photos



Rhododendron maximum - Flower



Rhododendron maximum - Leaves, Buds



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Rhododendron maximum - Chlorotic Leaf



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Rhododendron maximum - Bark



Rhododendron maximum - Habit



Rhododendron maximum - Flowers



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