



## 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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