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Red Escallonia



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Escallonia rubra var. macrantha

Height: 10 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 7a

Other Names: Macrantha Escallonia

Description:

A beautiful large growing variety; great to maintain as a hedge or screen; a tough low maintenance shrub that is drought tolerant once established; flowers appear in early summer and sporadically throughout the year

Ornamental Features

Red Escallonia features showy clusters of rose trumpet-shaped flowers at the ends of the branches in early summer, which emerge from distinctive crimson flower buds. It has attractive dark green evergreen foliage which emerges light green in spring. The glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Red Escallonia is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which can make it a great accent feature on this basis alone.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It is a good choice for attracting birds and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Red Escallonia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens



Red Escallonia flowers
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Planting & Growing

Red Escallonia will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, 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.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America.



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