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## Garden and Landscape Plant Finder



### Rubra Wild Rose

*Rosa rugosa 'Rubra'*

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 2b

Group/Class: Wild Rose

#### Description:

A robust and very hardy wild rose featuring stunning electric pink single blooms with a soft yellow center; perfect for the garden, or an informal hedge; these roses need full sun and well-drained soil; very easy to care for

#### Ornamental Features

Rubra Wild Rose features showy fragrant hot pink flowers with buttery yellow eyes at the ends of the branches from late spring to mid summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has dark green foliage throughout the season. The glossy oval compound leaves turn yellow in fall. The fruit is not ornamentally significant.

#### Landscape Attributes

Rubra Wild Rose is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Suckering
- Spiny

Rubra Wild Rose is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use



*Rubra Wild Rose flowers*  
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### Planting & Growing

Rubra Wild Rose will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. 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. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

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