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Rosy Rocket Barberry

Berberis thunbergii 'Rosy Rocket'



Rosy Rocket Barberry
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 16 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

Upright, columnar form with variegated new foliage in pink and burgundy tones on coral stems; foliage matures to a deep burgundy, giving the mature plant a two tone effect; very rust resistant

Ornamental Features

Rosy Rocket Barberry is primarily grown for its highly ornamental fruit. The fruits are showy crimson drupes carried in abundance from early to late fall. It has attractive burgundy deciduous foliage which emerges coral-pink in spring. The glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding red in the fall. It features tiny clusters of yellow flowers hanging below the branches in mid spring.

Landscape Attributes

Rosy Rocket Barberry is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a narrowly upright and columnar growth habit. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and can be pruned at anytime. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spiny

Rosy Rocket Barberry is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use



Rosy Rocket Barberry foliage
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Planting & Growing

Rosy Rocket Barberry will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 16 inches. 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 does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

