



## **P.J.M. Rhododendron**

***Rhododendron 'P.J.M.'***

Height: 30 inches

Spread: 30 inches

Sunlight: ☉ ●

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Group/Class: P.J.M. Series

### **Description:**

A gorgeous glossy-leaved evergreen shrub with lavender flowers in spring; compact upright habit; very hardy; interesting fall coloration; absolutely must have well-drained, highly acidic and organic soil; needs a sheltered spot

### **Ornamental Features**

P.J.M. Rhododendron is covered in stunning clusters of lightly-scented lavender trumpet-shaped flowers with rose overtones at the ends of the branches in mid spring, which emerge from distinctive fuchsia flower buds. It has green deciduous foliage. The narrow leaves turn an outstanding purple in the fall.

### **Landscape Attributes**

P.J.M. Rhododendron is an open multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. 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 should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It has no significant negative characteristics.



*P.J.M. Rhododendron in bloom*  
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*P.J.M. Rhododendron flowers*  
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P.J.M. Rhododendron is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

### **Planting & Growing**

P.J.M. Rhododendron will grow to be about 30 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 inches. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground. 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 requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth, but will die in standing water. It is very fussy about its soil conditions and must have rich, acidic soils to ensure success, and is subject to chlorosis (yellowing) of the foliage in alkaline soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

This plant is not reliably hardy in our region, and certain restrictions may apply; contact the store for more information.



*P.J.M. Rhododendron in fall  
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