Golden Ruby Salmonberry

Rubus spectabilis 'Golden Ruby'

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Description:

A golden leaved form of the native plant that is a favorite with hummingbirds; large deep pink flowers give way to yellow-orange berries that are edible; great for brightening up a woodland garden

Ornamental Features

Golden Ruby Salmonberry features dainty fragrant hot pink star-shaped flowers at the ends of the branches from late spring to early summer. It has gold deciduous foliage which emerges chartreuse in spring. The crinkled pointy compound leaves turn yellow in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Golden Ruby Salmonberry is a dense 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 shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting birds and hummingbirds to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Suckering

Golden Ruby Salmonberry is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use



Golden Ruby Salmonberry flowers
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Planting & Growing

Golden Ruby Salmonberry will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 2 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. 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 prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selection of a native North American species.



Golden Ruby Salmonberry foliage
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