

# **Ritchie**

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### **Red Drift® Rose**

*Rosa 'Meigalpio'*

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Group/Class: Ground Cover Rose

#### **Description:**

A low growing blanket of deep green foliage punctuated with multiple bright red blooms resembles a splashing fountain of color that requires little pampering; perfect to create a definitive border or as a dazzling ground cover

#### **Ornamental Features**

Red Drift Rose is draped in stunning red flowers at the ends of the branches from early summer to mid fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The glossy oval compound leaves do not develop any appreciable fall colour. The fruits are showy red hips displayed in late fall.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Red Drift Rose is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, 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;



*Red Drift Rose flowers*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



*Red Drift Rose in bloom*  
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- Spiny

Red Drift Rose is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

#### **Planting & Growing**

Red Drift Rose will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 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 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 particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Red Drift Rose makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.

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