Desert Peach

Prunus andersonii



Desert Peach flowers
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Height: 6 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Other Names: Desert Almond

Description:

An open, upright shrub smothered in pink flowers in early to mid-spring, followed by small orange peach shaped fruit; very drought tolerant after first year; needs full sun and well-drained soil; excellent for a rock garden or a sunny, dry area

Ornamental Features

Desert Peach is covered in stunning clusters of fragrant pink flowers along the branches in mid spring, which emerge from distinctive red flower buds before the leaves. It has green deciduous foliage. The narrow leaves turn yellow in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Desert Peach is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading 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 should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Desert Peach is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Desert Peach will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. 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. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is native to parts of North America.

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