

Botanical Name: Rhododendron species

Common Name: Southern Indica azalea

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright, dense, rounded to somewhat irregular shape--

older plants become dense with age

Height 2-4' Spread 2-4' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun or part shade (afternoon shade preferred)

Soil need acidic, well-drained, well-amended soil

Hardiness hardy (zones 8,9,14-24)

Morphology:

Leaves simple pinnate, alternate to whorled, elliptical to oval,
pubescent on both surfaces, 1-2" long margins entire

Flowers solitary, or in terminal clusters, large petaled--white,
pink or red or combinations, 2-3" diameter

Fruit small capsule

Propagation: semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: accent for flowers, filler in light shade, container plant,
sometimes pruned into tree-like standard form

Landscape Care:

Watering needs regular watering

Fertilizing monthly applications of acidic fertilizer; March - September

Pruning head back lightly to increase bushiness

Pests/Diseases root rot, chlorosis

Special Conditions mulch soil frequently to keep roots moist and cool

Origin: Hybrids Family: Ericaceae