

Botanical Name: Ribes sanguineum v. Glutinosum

Common Name: Pink Flowering Currant

Type of Plant: dicot: shrub Character deciduous

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an erect, spreading plant, with slender upright stems
forming a rather loose rounded canopy; older stems develop a brownish bark that
tends to shred

Height 4' - 6' (10') Spread equal Growth Rate slow-moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun near coast; partial sun at inland locations

Soil thrives in well-draining clay soils; prefers acidic pH

Hardiness hardy (zones 4-9, 14-24): prefers mild low-elevation sites

Morphology:

Leaves palmate, alternate, papery and maple-like; roundish, with
3-5 lobes; dark green above, paler green and tomentose beneath; 1"-3" across'
leaves drop in late summer

Flowers pink, very showy, in drooping clusters (racemes) 3"-6"
long; January - April

Fruit a berry; round, bluish-black, 1/4" diameter

Propagation: semi-hardwood or hardwood cuttings

Usage: a highly prized large accent shrub, used for its profuse
display of pink-rose-colored flowers; suitable for screens if mass planted;
good as an understory planting around oaks

Landscape Care:

Watering occasional deep-soaking preferred; avoid excessive
watering during late summer - early fall

Fertilizing little is needed after establishment; supplemental feeding
in mid-spring promotes vegetative growth

Pruning thin out occasionally to enhance branch structure;
selectively head back to control size

Pests/Diseases relatively free; is resistant to oak root fungus

Special Conditions periodic watering enhances lush appearance
coastal San Luis Obispo to

Origin: Del Norte Co Family: Saxifragaceae