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## RHODODENDRON PINK PEARL

One of the most beautiful Rhododendrons, of good constitution and a free flowering habit.

Fine Plants 10/6 to 21/- ea. Extra fine five year old specimens, 42/- ea.

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RHODODENDRON SPECIALISTS

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## RHODODENDRONS

Rhododendrons form one of the most distinctive groups of evergreen shrubs and add greatly to the attractions of the garden. The flowering period commences in New Zealand about June and continues with a succession of varieties until December.

Cultivation is not a difficult matter, nearly all do well in semi-shade, the larger leaved species growing naturally in these conditions. The best soil is a peaty one, but a free well-drained loam provides a very satisfactory medium, and the periodical addition of leaf mould and well decayed animal manure is of great benefit.

Rhododendrons dislike the presence of lime in the soil, and care should be taken to avoid planting where it is known to be.

It is of considerable benefit to remove old flower heads both in consideration for the general health of the plant, and also in view of the next season's flowers. This is best done immediately the flowers fade and before the seed heads form, care being taken not to damage the young growth buds, which are at the base of the flower stalk.

The majority of our stock is grown from layers, those plants which are grafted are put on a non-suckering type of stock, so that there is little possibility of the stock growing.

In Sections 1 and 3 an indication is given of the relative merits of many of the varieties. The classification followed has been taken from the Rhododendron Association Year Book, the number of asterisks indicating progressively the quality thus: \*Very good, \*\*Extra good, \*\*\*Excellent, \*\*\*\*Special, † Not Classified. Other abbreviations used are: E—Early flowering, M—Medium flowering, L—Late flowering, A—Extremely hardy, both frost and wind, B—Very hardy but requires some shade to get best results, C—Hardy, prefers

coastal conditions, D—Hardy on coasts, but prefers shelter, E and F—Requires protection from severe frosts inland.

### HYBRID VARIETIES

#### Section 1.

Including new, recently introduced and others of special merit. Prices: 10/6 to 21/- each, except where priced.

\*\*Alice—C. Rich pink; immense truss. Habit low and compact. One of the best of this shade. M.

Anton van Wely—B. A recent novelty of considerable merit; strong grower with large trusses of deep rose flowers. 12/6 to 21/- each.

Arnold W. Endtz—B. New variety of Pink Pearl type, flowers a rich deep pink. Strong plants 21/- each.

\*\*Ascot Brilliant—B. Deep blood red. Very free flowering. E.

\*\*Bagshot Ruby—B. Brilliant red; excellent habit.

\*\*\*Barclayi—B. A magnificent hybrid with handsome rounded foliage, dark red stem and intense crimson blooms. 21/- to 42/- each.

„ Avice—B. Somewhat larger growing variety with lighter coloured foliage and trusses of waxy flowers, a bright glowing red in colour. 21/- to 42/- each.

var. Helen Fox—B. Somewhat similar to Barclayi but the flowers are a dark crimson red. 21/- to 42/- each.

\*\*B. de Bruin—B. A very good deep red free flowering. L.

\*\*\*Beauty of Littleworth—B. One of the finest hybrids with a good constitution and free flowering habit; flowers pure white with a crimson marking in a large conical truss.

\*\*\*Betty Wormald—C. Light pink with pale purple blotch.

\*\*\*Blue Peter—A. Compact shrub with bold handsome foliage, flowers pale lavender blue with deeper blotch.

\*\*\*Britannia—B. Fine dwarf hybrid of bushy habit. Flowers deep waxy red, Gloxinea shaped.

\*\*\*Broughtoni Aureum—B. (Azaleodendron) a delightful shade of primrose yellow, compact truss.

\*\*C. B. van Nes—C. A fine variety with large trusses of dark waxy red flowers.

†Charles Lawson—Resembles White Pearl; very free flowering.

- †Charles Smith—C. A glorious Arboreum, which is unfortunately, too tender for British growers and hence not classified. It undoubtedly ranks among the choicest hybrids. Flowers nearly five inches across and a deep glowing crimson scarlet with pale green antlers; about 15 flowers to the truss. Only a few plants to offer at 30/- each.
- \*Christmas Cheer—B. Exceptionally early flowering, dwarf; very pale pink. E.
- \*\*\*Cornubia—E. Fine trusses of clear blood-red flowers. One of the best; a good grower with attractive foliage.
- Cornubia X Arboreum—E. Strong handsome plants from a cross of these two excellent varieties. Not yet flowered, should produce some interesting forms.
- Countess of Athlone—B. Large trusses of soft mauve flowers, much like Pink Pearl in form.
- \*Cynthia—B. Rosy crimson; large growing.
- \*Doncaster—B. A good compact plant of medium size, flowers bright red in abundance.
- Earl of Morley—B. Forms a neat bush with pale yellow flowers.
- Dawn—B. Flowers white tinged a delicate pink.
- \*\*\*Dawn's Delight—C. Buds open carmine, changing to soft pink.
- Elsbeth—C. Pure white, very large and uniform. A most attractive variety.
- \*Ernest Gill—C. Large truss; vivid carmine rose; extremely hardy.
- \*\*Fastuosum Flore Pleno—A. Large semi-double lavender flowers. An old variety. M.
- Friesland—B. Outstanding variety of strong growth and large trusses of lavender pink blooms; novelty. 15/- to 21/- each.
- \*\*G. A. Sims—B. Deep scarlet crimson, low growing, very free flowering. M.
- George Hardy—B. Blush passing to white; large truss.
- \*\*\*Gill's Triumph—D. Strawberry red fading to pink; a superb variety; described as a crimson Aucklandii.
- \*\*Glory of Bagshot—B. A vigorous and upright grower, flowers pure white and freely produced.
- \*\*\*Goldsworth Yellow—B. Apricot changing to primrose; a superb variety.

- \*\*Gomer Waterer—A. Valuable late flowering hybrid with large shapely trusses of white slightly blushed flowers.  
Hollandia—C. Lilac with yellow throat.
- \*\*Hugh Koster—C. Medium growing variety with bright crimson flowers. 12/6 to 21/- each.
- \*\*\*Ivery's Scarlet—C. Bright scarlet flowers freely produced.
- \*\*\*J. G. Millais—C. Large deep rich red flowers; very early. A variety that should be in every collection.
- \*John H. Agnew—B. Pink flowers with chocolate blotch.
- John Walter—A. An early flowering sort, rich crimson.
- \*\*King George—D. Waxy Gloxinea-shaped flowers, brilliant scarlet.
- \*\*Kewense—C. Blush white suffused pale rose; scented; very beautiful.
- \*Kew Pearl—D. Blush pink edged rose; very attractive.
- Lavender Girl—B. An attractive lavender flowering hybrid, not a common colour in Rhododendrons, compact grower.
- \*\*Lady Eleanor Cathcart—B. Clear pink, chocolate spots.
- \*\*\*Lady Stuart of Wortley—C. A splendid variety with rich pink flowers in a beautifully formed truss.
- \*Lyndsleyanum—C. Bright crimson, large conical truss.
- \*\*\*\*Loderi—C. Raised by the late Sir Edmund Loder, this hybrid is a magnificent plant of which there are several forms. All are very beautiful with immense trusses, flowers from 5 to 7 inches, and varying in colour from pale pink to glistening white according to the variety. From 21/- each.
- Loderi Seedlings—C. Beautiful looking plants, not yet flowered.
- \*\*\*Loder's White—C. Very pale pink, crinkled edges fading to white. Individual flowers often 4-5 ins. across. One of the best whites grown.
- Loderi X Griersonianum—Unnamed seedlings from a cross of these two outstanding Rhododendrons. Fine bold foliage and attractive habit of growth. Should produce some outstanding forms.
- \*\*Luscombe's Scarlet—C. Scarlet-crimson. Raised from Thomsonii.
- \*\*Madame de Bruin—C. Cerise red. Very beautiful and free flowering.
- \*\*\*Madam F. J. Chauvin—C. A very fine pale pink, reddish marking in centre; large flowers.

**Marquis of Lothian**—D. A New Zealand raised hybrid which has outstanding qualities and is deserving of the highest ratings. The foliage is somewhat rounded and of pleasing appearance. The flowers are funnel shaped in a somewhat loose truss, the colour being a fine deep rose-pink, later paling to a creamy pink. 21/- to 42/- each.

- \*\*Mrs. C. B. van Nes**—C. Compact growing variety with fine rich pink blooms.
- \*\*\*Mrs. Charles E. Pearson**—B. Immense truss blush mauve spotted burnt sienna; very vigorous.
- \*\*Mrs. E. C. Stirling**—B. Blush pink, tinted lilac.
- \*\*\*Mrs. G. W. Leak**—C. Flowers a beautiful pink with a brown marking, exceptionally fine variety. 21/- each.
- \*Mrs. Henry Shilson**—C. Large, shell pink; very fine.
- \*\*Mrs. J. G. Millais**—A. A handsome variety with pure white flowers and a striking yellow eye.
- \*\*Mrs. Mary Ashley**—B. Deep salmon pink shaded cream; very fine.
- Miss Edith Carey**—M. Although not recorded in the Rhododendron Association handbook, this variety is among the best hybrids. It has distinctive and attractive foliage, whilst the flower truss is bold and the blooms very large and open, in colour a bright clear rose pink. A strong grower, forming a shapely bush. From 21/- each.
- \*Peter Koster**—C. A brilliant cerise with deep pink edge and a darker centre, crimson stamens and style. A very fine truss and good foliage.
- \*\*Pink Delight**—D. Large open flowers, white shaded delicate pink round margins of petals, early flowering.

**\*\*PINK PEARL**—B. Perhaps the best known and certainly the most popular pink variety. Pink Pearl is a delight in Spring with its handsome foliage and tall trusses of rich pink blooms. A free-flowering and beautiful hybrid. Quality plants from 10/6 each. Extra fine five year old specimens, 42/- each.

- \*Pink Perfection**—B. A beautiful shade of pink, perfectly shaped truss and a strong and vigorous habit.
- \*Prof. Hugo de Vries**—B. Fine large trusses of flowers, much like Pink Pearl, but deeper in colour.

- Prof. Dr. Zaayer**—B. Attractive foliage and brilliant waxy scarlet flowers. 12/6 to 21/- each.
- Purple Splendour**—B. A fine type of Rhododendron with a good hardy constitution and attractive deep violet purple flowers with a darker marking.
- Smithii Aureum (Azaleodendron)**—C. Glaucous foliage and neat heads of yellow blooms.
- Souv. Dr. Endtz**—B. Deep rosy crimson. 12/6 to 21/- each.
- \*\*Unknown Warrior**—C. Fine hybrid of good habit, flowers a bright glowing red. 15/- to 21/- each; five year old plants at 42/- each.
- \*Van Nes Sensation**—C. Large flowers, pale lilac with white centre, an immense truss. A strong growing variety with a free-flowering habit.
- White Pearl**—B. Slightly blush changing to pure white; a fine variety.

## HYBRID RHODODENDRONS.

### Section 2.

A selection of the older leading varieties.

Priced from 5/- to 10/6 each.

- Alexander Adie (Broughtonianum)**—Carmine red, huge truss.
- Ambroseum**—Early flowering, bright pink blooms.
- \*Auguste Van Geert**—Bright rose; large truss.
- Beauty of Sussex**—Fine pale heliotrope.
- Black Prince**—Purplish crimson.
- Bylsianum**—White margined cerise.
- Chancellor**—Fine rich crimson-purple, large truss.
- C. Sanders**—Double, plum coloured flowers.
- Congestum Roseum**—Light rose, spotted.
- Elegans**—Tyrian rose, sepia brown blotch. Large truss.
- Eminent**—Reddish-purple.
- Florence**—Reddish-violet, distinct crimson blotch.
- Geranoides**—Cochineal carmine. Compact grower.
- Hendersoni**—A hardy variety; flowers purple with lighter centre.
- Illuminator**—Red, free flowering.
- Joe Jannett**—Rose pink; low growing.
- John Spencer**—Rose; very hardy.

- Lady Hillingdon—Pale mauve with yellow markings.  
 Manglesii—White spotted pink.  
 Marquis of Waterford—Bright pink, lighter centre.  
 Mary Blane—Crimson scarlet, brown blotch.  
 Michael Waterer—Bright crimson.  
 Minnie—Blush white, orange blotch.  
 Mirabella—Reddish-purple.  
 Mrs. C. S. MacDonald—Carmine mauve.  
 Mrs. C. Thorold—Pink, yellow centre.  
 Mrs. John Kelk—Clear rose, late.  
 Mrs. John Penn—Salmon pink edged with crimson.  
 Mrs. John Waterer—Rosy crimson.  
 \*Mrs. R. S. Holford—Rosy salmon.  
 Mrs. Thiselton Dyer—Rosy pink with large maroon blotch.  
 Mrs. William Agnew—Pale rose, yellow centre.  
 Nobleanum—Scarlet-crimson.  
 Nobleanum Venustum—Pink, early flowering form.  
 Nosegay—Clear scarlet.  
 President—Late flowering hybrid, dark crimson.  
 Prince C. de Rohan—Rosy pink, frilled; very early.  
 Princess Hortense—Lilac rose.  
 Princes—Light scarlet, brown spots.  
 Robert Croux—Deep red.  
 Russellianum Superbum—A hardy red variety.  
 Salmonea—Heliotrope on lighter ground, brownish blotch.  
 \*Sappho—White, deep lilac blotch. Distinct.  
 Sir Robert Peel—Clear crimson-carmine, fading slightly; early.  
 Stella—Pale rose, spotted. Free flowering.  
 Triomphe de Grande—Snow white, prominent lilac-brown blotch.  
 Warrior—Rosy crimson, late.  
 William Austin—Dark crimson.

## SPECIES

### Section 3.

The classification followed has been taken from the Rhododendron Association Year Book. Full particulars will be found in explanatory paragraphs on page 1 of this list.

In this section is added, after the name of each species the approximate height attained at maturity, about fifteen



years of age, under average conditions. Prices, 7/6 to 21/-, except where priced.

- \***Aeruginosum**—A. 6-8ft. Flowers lilac. Very attractive on account of the bluish colouring of the young foliage.
- \*\*\***Apodectum**—A. A low growing bush with tubular flowers usually crimson, but in some forms varying to dull orange.
- \*\*\*\***Arboreum**—D. 15-20ft. A Himalayan species which slowly forms a small tree. Seedling forms embrace a wide range of colours from pure white to the deepest reds. The species is perfectly hardy in our country and is particularly useful for background effects in the garden.
- \*\*\*\* „ **var. Kermesinum**—D. 8-12ft. An early flowering blood red, and one of the most satisfactory types.
- „ **Prince of Wales**—D. 10ft. White, edged carmine violet, deeper blotch.
- Argenteum**—See R. Grande.
- Aucklandii**—See R. Griffithianum.
- \*\***Auriculatum**—B. A rather beautiful species in both foliage and flower. It forms a bush up to about 15ft. with a somewhat spreading habit. The flowers are large, pure white, and sweetly scented. Flowers in December.
- Calophyllum**—F. A shrub up to about 5ft. with scented white flowers.
- \*\***Campanulatum**—B. 15ft. A handsome foliage shrub, flowers variable in colour, usually pale lavender, but occasionally white.
- \*\*\*\***Cinnabarium**—B. 6ft. A most distinct species both in foliage and flower, blooms tubular, bright cinnabar-red; well worth growing.
- \*\***Decorum (Spooneri)**—C. 6-12ft. Large white slightly scented flowers. Some plants produce flowers tinted pink. Blooms very young.
- \*\*\***Delevayi**—E. 12ft. A hardy species allied to the Himalayan *Arboreum*. Makes a handsome specimen; flowers bright crimson.
- \*\***Diaprepes**—E. 6-12ft. Very large, slightly scented, white flowers, sometimes faintly flushed rose.

- \*\*\***Fortunei**—B. 15-20ft. One of the hardiest Chinese Rhododendrons and the parent of many of our better hybrids. Fragrant, pinky-lilac flowers.
- †**Fortunei Magnifica**—12-15ft. Blush-pink fragrant; individual flowers and truss very large.
- \*\*\***Grande**—E. 10-12ft. Attractive large foliage and trusses of creamy white flowers with a purple blotch. From 15/- each.
- \*\*\***Griersonianum**—D. 5-7ft. One of the best of the new Chinese varieties. Geranium scarlet flowers; distinct foliage. From 10/- each.
- \*\*\***Griffithianum (Aucklandii)**—E. 15ft. The largest flowered of all the Himalayan Rhododendrons and the parent of many of our best hybrids. Large slightly fragrant white or pale pink flowers. From 10/- each.
- Hypoglaucum**—D. 12-15ft. Flowers white flushed rose with deep rose spots; under surface of leaves very white.
- Lajponicum**—A. 18ins. A small shrublet with purple flowers. Suitable for rockery.
- \*\***Litiense**—C. 18ft. Pure yellow saucer-shaped flowers, without any markings.
- \*\*\***Neriiflorum**—C. A pretty little Rhododendron growing to about 4ft. and producing brilliant crimson bell-shaped flowers. From 10/- each.
- \*\*\***Nuttallii Stellata**—F. 12ft. This is one of Rothschild's productions. Very large, light yellow, extremely fragrant flowers. This extremely rare variety has been raised from seed by ourselves. Requires a warm, semi-shady position. Fine large foliage, plant of medium growth. From 21/- each.
- Ponticum**—A. The common mauve flowered Rhododendron; makes a large bush up to 15ft. tall. Suitable for massed effects and useful for shelter purposes.
- \*\*\***Racemosum**—A. 4ft. A charming dwarf with a profusion of small bright pink flowers closely set on the branches.
- \*\***Sutchuenense**—B. 6-12ft. Pale rosy-lilac flowers, crimson markings. A very attractive species and one of the first to flower; very handsome foliage.
- \***Virgatum**—E. 3ft. Compact species with an abundance of large bell-like flowers of clear blush rose colour.

LIST OF CHOICE RHODODENDRONS

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HIMALAYAN SPECIES AND VARIETIES

Section 4.

This section contains many that are deservedly popular, being noted for their compact, semi-dwarf habit, and their large trumpet-shaped sweetly-scented flowers. Many of them require temporary cover if exposed to very heavy frosts. Prices from 5/- to 10/6, except where priced.

\*\***Countess of Haddington**—Large trumpet-shaped flowers, white suffused with rose; habit dwarf and compact; very free-flowering. Undoubtedly the best of this section.

\***Countess of Sefton**—Highly fragrant white flowers, flushed pink; very free flowering.

\*\*\***Dalhousiae**—6-10ft. Fine shrub with handsome foliage and large fleshy trumpets, cream in colour, with greenish-yellow interior; fragrant.

**Formosum**—6ft. Free flowering shrub with fragrant white blooms tinged yellow and pink.

\*\*\***Fragrantissimum**—Large white flowers, helio-pink reverse, very highly scented. One of the best of this section and should be in every garden.

**Lady Galway**—A seedling from *Jenkinsii*, flowers deep pink in bud, opening paler, tubular and sweet scented. 10/6 to 15/- each.

**Maddenii (Jenkinsii)**—A rather beautiful variety with large fleshy white, funnel-shaped blooms, sweet scented; flowers in late November and December.

**Praecox**—Small rosy-lilac flowers in abundance in early spring.

**Princess Alice**—Flowers bell-shaped, white tinted pink; very fragrant; dwarf compact grower. Highly commended.

• **Pulcherrimum**—Large tubular flowers, creamy-white; highly perfumed; rare.

**Suave**—A bushy shrub of rather dwarf habit. Clusters of scented white blooms.

**Virginalis**—Pure white funnel-shaped flowers. Highly perfumed; late.

## HARDY DECIDUOUS AZALEAS

### Section 5.

The following varieties form a selection of our stock of these popular shrubs of which we are able to offer a wide range. They are easily grown plants, enjoying the same treatment as Rhododendrons.

#### Mollis and Mollis X Sinensis.

Prices: From 5/6 each.

- \*Anthony Koster—Golden yellow.
- Betsy de Bruin—Orange, reddish blotch.
- \*Dr. Reichenbach—Salmon.
- Elizabeth—Chestnut red, yellow spot.
- Emil Liebig—Salmon.
- Favourite—Red.
- Frans van der Bom—Rosy salmon.
- Hortulanus Witte—Orange yellow.
- \*Hugo Koster—Salmon red.
- \*J. C. van Tol—Bright red.
- Orania—Clear orange.

#### Hybrid Ghent Azaleas.

The sweetly scented Honeysuckle Azaleas.

Prices: From 7/6 each.

Beaute Celeste—Rose.

- \*Bouquet de Flore—Salmon pink.
- \*\*Coccinea speciosa—Orange.
- \*Dr. Chas. Bauman—Dark red.
- \*General Trauff—Violet pink.
- \*\*Gloria Mundi—Vermillion.
- \*Ignea Nova—Carmine.
- Josephine Klinger—Red.
- \*Nancy Waterer—Bright yellow.
- \*Narcissiflora—Double yellow.

#### Rustica Flore Pleno (double Azalea mollis)

Prices: From 8/6 each.

- \*Aida—Rose shaded deeper.
- Byron—Most delicate white.
- \*Il Tasso—Reddish.
- Milton—Pure white.
- Murillo—Red with rosy purple.
- \*Norma—Rose.
- Phidias—Cream flushed rose.
- Phebe—Pale yellow.