# Hot Cocoa Rose

***Rosa 'Hot Cocoa'***



*Hot Cocoa Rose flowers*
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Height: 4 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Group/Class: Floribunda Rose

**Description:**

This truly novel rose produces stunning, clustered displays of silk like blooms, their petals a shaded chocolaty orange to dark red with a deep rusty orange reverse; has excellent disease resistance

**Ornamental Features**

Hot Cocoa Rose features showy lightly-scented fully double dark red flowers with orange overtones and a coppery-bronze reverse at the ends of the branches from mid spring 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 color.

**Landscape Attributes**

Hot Cocoa Rose 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 is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting bees to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Hot Cocoa Rose is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

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## Planting & Growing

Hot Cocoa Rose will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. 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 30 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 highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.