

Carolina Native's Evergreen Rhododendron Cheat Sheet

	Size	Bloom Time	Bloom Description	Characteristics, etc	History, Facts
R. maximum Rosebay, Great Laurel	15'x20' & larger	Mid-summer	White to rose, large	Partial shade, shallow rooted, mass plantings. To -25F	Appalachian range from Ga. to Canada. Wood used for tools
'Max roseum'	4'-6'x 6-10'	Early-summer	Pink to red	To -25F	Unknown: debate whether it is a 'R ponticum', R. maximum or what
R. catawbiense Red Laurel	4-6'x 6-10'	Mid-summer	Pink to Red, plant in most Blue Ridge Parkway pictures	Shade, sun at higher elevations. To -25F	Southern Appalachian, higher altitude
'Roseum Elegans' 'English Roseum'	4-6'x 6-8'	Mid-summer	Large Pink, almost impossible to tell apart	Hardy to -25F, these are very hardy in sun and shade	Anthony Waterer, 1850's, Knaphill Nursery, England. Cross of R. catawbiense and R. arboreum
'Catawbiense Grandiflorum'	6'x8'	Mid-summer	Pinker than Roseum Elegans or English Roseum	Hardy to -25F	Knaphill, 1850, R. catawbiense cross
'Purpureum Elegans'	3.5'x5'	Mid-summer	Large, purple blooms	Hardy to -25F	Knaphill, 1850, R. catawbiense cross
'Catawbiense Album'	5'x7'	Mid-summer	White with green or brown margins	Hardy to -25F	Knaphill , 1900, R. catawbiense cross
'Catawbiense Boursault'	6'x8'	Mid to late summer	Darker Pink	Vase shaped as gets larger, -20F	R. catawbiense cross of unknown origin
'Nova Zembla'	3-6'x 3-6'	Mid-summer	Deep Red	Not very tight when larger, especially in shade, -25F	1902, Koster & Sons, Netherlands, from a Knaphill's 'Parsons grandiflorum', a R. cat. hybrid
'Chinoides,	5'x5'	Late to mid-season	White	Dark green, narrow leaves, -15F	J. Standish, 1867, x r. ponticum (Mediterranean species) and unknown
'Cunningham's White'	7'x7'	Mid to late summer	White, rays of purple or brown	-15F	George Cunningham, 1830
'Scitillation'	6'X6'	Mid-season	Pink, brown throat	Fragrant, dense, shiny leaves, -15F	Dexter Hybrid, probably R' fortunei cross
R. carolinanum Carolina, Punctatum	6'x6'	Late Spring	Pink, White	Foliage turns purple in the winter, loose structure	Southern Appalachian region, pockets in Ct., Mass.
'PJM' and other PJM varieties	To 6'x6'	Spring March	White to Lavender	Purple winter foliage, usually loose in structure as matures	'PJM' is an acronym for Peter John Mezitt, Weston Nurseries, 1970's