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## SHELMERDINE

### SECOND NATURE



Aurora Borealis® Rose Rosa 'VLR002'

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: O

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Group/Class: 49th Parallel Collection

#### **Description:**

This outstanding rose features clusters of double, sunset pink flowers that capture the dancing lights of the aurora; compact mounded habit, hardy and resistant to disease; great for massing in the garden; all roses need full sun and well-drained soil

#### **Ornamental Features**

Aurora Borealis Rose features showy clusters of coral-pink flowers with rose overtones and gold eyes at the ends of the branches from late spring to mid fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has dark green foliage edged in burgundy. The glossy oval compound leaves turn yellow in fall. The spiny brick red bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

#### Landscape Attributes

Aurora Borealis 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 is a high maintenance shrub that will require regular care and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Disease
- Spiny

Aurora Borealis Rose is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Aurora Borealis Rose flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

#### **Planting & Growing**

Aurora Borealis 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 20 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 somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.