

## **Riverbend Nurseries**

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### **Girard's Renee Michelle Azalea**

*Rhododendron 'Girard's Renee Michelle'*

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 5

#### **Description:**

Deep pink blooms with hot pink spots cover this azalea in mid-spring; needs highly acidic and organic soil that is well drained. In Middle Tennessee, this azalea performs best in morning sun with full afternoon shade

#### **Ornamental Features**

Girard's Renee Michelle Azalea is covered in stunning clusters of rose trumpet-shaped flowers with hot pink spots at the ends of the branches in mid spring. It has dark green evergreen foliage which emerges light green in spring. The glossy narrow leaves remain dark green throughout the winter.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Girard's Renee Michelle Azalea is an open multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Girard's Renee Michelle Azalea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

#### **Planting & Growing**

Girard's Renee Michelle Azalea will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.



*Girard's Renee Michelle Azalea flowers*  
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This shrub does best in partial shade to shade. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth, but will die in standing water. It is very fussy about its soil conditions and must have rich, acidic soils to ensure success, and is subject to chlorosis (yellowing) of the foliage in alkaline soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

### Nursery Notes

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