

Escallonia rubra

(Red Claws)

Escallonia is a dense evergreen shrub. The leaves are simple with a dentate margin and with a nice fragrance but sometimes sticky. Bright red flowers bloom in May and June. Requires light and soil, but cannot stand humidity, therefore recommended to dry zones. Resists salt very well. Light pruning after flowering will maintain its form and flowers.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

Pronunciation: es-kuh-LOW-nee-uh ROO-bruh

Plant Type: Shrub

Heat Zones: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

Hardiness Zones: 8, 9, 10

Uses: Hedge, Specimen, Mass Planting, Wildlife

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape: Round

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Medium

Canopy Texture: Medium

Height at Maturity: 1 to 1.5 m

Spread at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 5 to 10 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: Less than 5

Leaf Shape: Ovate

Leaf Margins: Dentate

Leaf Textures: Glossy

Leaf Scent: Pleasant

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Flower Type: Solitary

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: Red, Purple, Pink

Seasons: Spring, Summer

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Fruit

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Fruit Colors: Brown

Seasons: Spring, Summer

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: No

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Toxicity: No

Invasive Potential: No

Pruning Requirement: Needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: 25-50 years

Edible Parts: None

Plant Propagations: Cutting

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