



## *Rhododendron* 'PJM Elite'

### HYBRID RHODODENDRON

#### Outstanding Qualities

Rhododendron 'PJM Elite' is the best of the many "PJM" cultivars available in nurseries. In early spring this small-leaved evergreen shrub is covered in a profusion of deep red-purple flowers – definitely a harbinger of the season! The aromatic foliage often changes to almost a mahogany color when the temperature becomes colder and provides striking wintertime interest.

#### Culture Notes

This rhododendron is easy to grow in the Pacific Northwest. Plant it in rich well-drained or sandy soil in a location with full sun to light or open shade. Rhododendrons are shallow-rooted plants requiring regular watering during dry weather. Faded flowers can be removed to give a cleaner look and new growth can be pinched to help make young plants bushier. Adult root weevils can chew on their leaves, but this is less of a problem on plants that receive more light and regular watering.



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#### Quick Facts

**Plant Type:** shrub

**Growth Habit:** upright

**Foliage Type:** evergreen

**Plant Height (10-year):** 5 ft. 0 in. (1.52 meters)

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**Hardiness:** USDA Zones 4 to 8

**Flower Color:** rose

**Sun/Light Exposure:** full sun

**Water Requirements:** regular watering

**Seasonal Interest:** an abundance of red-purple flowers in late winter

**Wildlife Associations:** bees