

Rose Creek Abelia (*Abelia x chinensis* 'Rose Creek')

'Rose Creek' is a compact, dense, low-mounded hybrid featuring red stems clad with glossy button-like leaves which emerge with pink tinting in spring before turning an attractive dark green. This shrub typically matures to 2-3' tall and to 3-4' wide. It is evergreen in USDA Zones 7-9 where leaves turn interesting shades of soft purple-green in winter. This shrub is semi-evergreen to deciduous depending upon the severity of the winter temperatures. Tubular, fragrant, white flowers (to 1/2" long) subtended by rosy sepals bloom in late spring to early summer, with some continued bloom occurring throughout summer into fall.



Plant Care: Easily grown in average, medium, well-drained soil in full sun to part shade. Best flowering is in full sun. Prefers moist, organically rich soils which drain well. Evergreen in the South. Significant stem damage can be expected when winter temperatures approach zero degrees F. Blooms on new wood, so prune as needed (e.g., thin to the ground up to 1/3 of old stems and any stems lost to winter) in late winter to early spring.

References:

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