

# Rhododendron x 'George Taber' 'George Taber' Azalea<sup>1</sup>

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## Introduction

Profuse, pink springtime blooms are so plentiful and large that they completely hide the foliage, making 'George Taber' azalea a favorite landscape shrub in the south. This large, spreading evergreen azalea is most impressive when used in mass plantings but makes an attractive specimen planting as well. Plant in mass on 4 to 6 foot centers.



Figure 1. Full Form - Rhododendron x 'George Taber': 'George Taber' Azalea Credits: Edward F. Gilman, UF/IFAS

## **General Information**

**Scientific name:** *Rhododendron x* 'George Tabor'

**Pronunciation:** roe-duh-DEN-drun

Common name(s): 'George Taber' azalea



Figure 2. Flower - *Rhododendron x* 'George Taber': 'George Taber' Azalea Credits: Edward F. Gilman, UF/IFAS

Family: Ericaceae

Plant type: shrub

**USDA hardiness zones:** 8 through 10 (Figure 3)

Planting month for zone 8: year-round

Planting month for zone 9: year-round

**Planting month for zone 10:** year-round

Origin: not native to North America

**Invasive potential:** not known to be invasive

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**Uses:** mass planting; specimen; attracts butterflies; cut flowers; foundation

**Availability:** generally available in many areas within its hardiness range

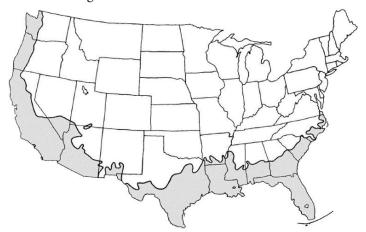


Figure 3. Shaded area represents potential planting range.

## **Description**

Height: 10 to 12 feet

Spread: 8 to 10 feet

Plant habit: round

Plant density: moderate

Growth rate: slow

Texture: medium

## **Foliage**

Leaf arrangement: alternate

Leaf type: simple

Leaf margin: entire

Leaf shape: ovate

Leaf venation: pinnate

Leaf type and persistence: evergreen

Leaf blade length: 2 to 4 inches

Leaf color: green

Fall color: no fall color change

Fall characteristic: not showy

### **Flower**

Flower color: pink

Flower characteristic: spring flowering; winter flowering

### **Fruit**

Fruit shape: elongated

**Fruit length:** 0.5 to 1 inch

Fruit cover: dry or hard

Fruit color: brown

Fruit characteristic: inconspicuous and not showy

#### **Trunk and Branches**

**Trunk/bark/branches:** not particularly showy; typically multi-trunked or clumping stems.