**Rhododendron x ‘George Tabor’**

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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.

**General Information**

- **Scientific name:** *Rhododendron x* ‘George Tabor’
- **Pronunciation:** roe-duh-DEN-drun
- **Common name(s):** ‘George Taber’ Azalea
- **Family:** Ericaceae
- **Plant type:** shrub
- **USDA hardiness zones:** 8 through 10 (Fig. 1)
- **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
- **Uses:** mass planting; specimen; attracts butterflies; cut flowers; foundation
- **Availability:** generally available in many areas within its hardiness 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:** .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; can be trained to grow with a short,

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Figure 1. Shaded area represents potential planting range.