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## LOW MAINTENANCE ROSES FOR SOUTHEASTERN PA/NJ/DEL

### PHILADELPHIA ROSE SOCIETY - SPRING 2012

The following list of low maintenance roses was prepared by a panel of amateur rose growers from Southeastern Pennsylvania and South Jersey. The list was designed to assist homeowners in our area who want to grow various types of roses without the need for frequent spraying and other care, but who want varieties other than the Knockout series of roses. Next to each rose is a description of color, height and a key code indicating wholesale growers who sell that variety. The key codes to wholesalers are as follows:

**B**= Burlington Roses ([www.burlingtonroses.com](http://www.burlingtonroses.com))      **E** = Edmunds Roses ([www.edmundsroses.com](http://www.edmundsroses.com))      **H** = Heirloom Roses ([www.heirloomroses.com](http://www.heirloomroses.com))  
**N** = Northland Roses ([www.northlandrosarium.com](http://www.northlandrosarium.com))      **P** = Pickering Nurseries ([www.pickeringnurseries.com](http://www.pickeringnurseries.com))      **R**= Roses Unlimited ([www.rosesunlimiteddownroot.com](http://www.rosesunlimiteddownroot.com))  
**T** = Two Sisters Roses ([www.twosistersroses.com](http://www.twosistersroses.com))      **W** = Witherspoon Roses ([www.witherspoonrose.com](http://www.witherspoonrose.com))

For more information on growing roses, including advice on planting, pruning and maintenance visit [www.ars.org](http://www.ars.org) or [www.philadelphiarosesociety.org](http://www.philadelphiarosesociety.org) . Consulting Rosarians are available to provide advice free of charge to homeowners in our area.

#### HYBRID TEA/GRANDIFLORA ROSES

The most popular roses, Hybrid Teas and Grandifloras are the large, shapely flowered roses typically used for cutting and arrangements. Flowers are borne on long stems either singly or with several side buds.

Crimson Glory – Dark Red – 3’ – B,H,R  
 Double Delight – Red/White Blend – 4’ – B,E,H,N,P,R,W  
 Elina – Light Yellow – 5’ – E,N,P,R  
 Frederick Mistral – Light Pink – 5’ – H,N,P,R  
 Let Freedom Ring – Medium Red – 4’ - N,R,W  
 Marijke Koopman – Medium Pink – 5’ – E,B,N,P,R  
 The McCartney Rose – Pink – 4’ – E,R  
 Moonstone – White – 4’ – E,H,P,R,W  
 Mr. Lincoln – Dark Red – 5’ – E,H,P,R,T,W  
 Olympiad – Medium Red – 5’ – B,E,N,R,T,W  
 Peter Mayle – Deep Pink – 5’ – N,R,W  
 Pink Promise – Pink Blend – 4’ – E,P,W  
 Queen Elizabeth – Medium Pink – 4’ – N,P,R,T,W

#### FLORIBUNDA

Floribunda roses are slightly smaller and bushier than Hybrid Tea roses, and flower in clusters rather than one per stem. They also make good cutting roses for arrangements.

Betty Boop – Red blend – 3’ – H,N,P,R,W  
 Cinco De Mayo – Russet – 3’ – H,N,P,R  
 Europeana – Dark Red – 2’ – B,E,P,R,T,W  
 Iceberg – White – B,E,H,N,P,R,W  
 Julia Child – Medium Yellow – 3’ – E,H,N,P,R,W  
 Passionate Kisses – Medium Pink – 3’ - N  
 Playboy – Red Blend – 3’ – B,H,P,R  
 Showbiz – Medium Red – 2’ – B,R  
 Stadt Den Helder – Medium Red - R  
 Sunsprite – Deep Yellow – 3’ – E,H,P,R,T

## SHRUB ROSES

Shrub roses are large bushes that create a massive display of blooms. Give these roses a lot of room, as they will spread quickly.

Belle Story – Light pink – 4’ - H  
 Blushing Knockout – Light pink – 3’ - H  
 Bonica – Medium Pink – 3’ – P,R,T  
 Carefree Beauty – Medium pink – 3’ – P,R,T  
 Distant Drums (Buck) – Mauve – 3’ – B,E,P,R  
 Graham Thomas – Deep yellow – 6’ – H,N,P,R,T,W  
 Home Run – Medium red – 4’ – H,R,W  
 Knockout – Red Blend – H,R,W  
 Lady Elsie Mae – Orange pink – 3’ – H,R  
 Sally Holmes – White – 6’ – B,H,R,T  
 Seafoam – White – 3’ – N,P,R

## CLIMBING ROSES

Climbing roses are large roses meant to be grown on a supporting structure (e.g. wall, fence or arbor). They can grow up to 10’ tall or more, making for a spectacular display. Care should be taken when pruning climbers in the spring, as the flowers grow only on last year’s canes.

4th of July – Red blend – R,T  
 Altissimo – Medium red – 7’ – B,H,N,R,T  
 Autumn Sunset – Apricot blend – 8’ – E,N  
 Dublin Bay – Medium red – 8’ – E,H,N,P,R  
 Jeanne Lajoie – Medium pink – 7’ – B,N,R,W  
 Laguna – Deep pink – 8’ – P,R  
 Lemon Meringue – Light yellow – 10’ – N,P  
 New Dawn – Light pink – 10’ – E,H,N,P,R,T  
 Rosanna – Orange pink – 5’ – P,R  
 Westerland – Apricot blend - 10’ – E,H,N,R

## POLYANTHA ROSES

Polyantha roses are similar to, but smaller than Floribundas, with large clusters of small, 1-inch diameter blooms often used for massing, edging and hedges.

La Marne (Earth Kind) – Pink Blend – 4’ – B,N,P,R,T  
 Marie Pavie (Earth Kind) – White – 2’ – B,P,R,T  
 Mrs. R.M. Finch – Medium Pink – R,T  
 The Fairy – Light Pink – 4’ – H,N,P,R,T  
 Wing Ding – Medium Red – 2’ – H,N

## FRAGRANCE ROSES

These roses are listed because they have a strong, distinctive fragrance. Type of rose is indicated next to each variety.

Chrysler Imperial - HT – Dark Red – 4’ – E,H,P,R,T,W  
 Crimson Glory – HT – Dark Red – 3’ – G,H,R  
 Double Delight – HT – Red Blend – 4’ – B.E.H.N.P.R.W  
 Frederick Mistral – HT – Light Pink – 5’ – H,N,P,R  
 Jude The Obscure – Shrub – Medium yellow – 4’ – H,N,R  
 Marchesa Boccella –Perpetual – Light Pink – 3’ – B,R  
 Mister Lincoln – HT – Dark red – 5’ – E,H,P,R,T,W  
 Peter Mayle – HT – Deep pink – 5’ – N,R  
 Queen Elizabeth – Grandiflora – Medium pink – 4’ – N,P,R  
 Rose de Rescht – Portland – Deep pink – 3’ – P,R  
 Scentimental – Floribunda – Red blend – 4’ – H,R,T,W  
 Sheila's Perfume – Floribunda – Yellow blend – 4’ – H,N,P,R,W

### **OLD GARDEN ROSES (OGR)**

Old Garden Roses are those types that existed prior to 1867. After an initial spring crop of blooms, some varieties may not produce any more flowers the rest of the year, but their hip production adds a different kind of beauty to the garden. The beauty of OGR's often lies in the heavy fragrance they can impart to the garden.

Barrone Prevost – Medium Pink – B,H,R,T  
 Louise Odier – Deep Pink – 4' – B,H,T  
 MME Hardy – White – 5' – H,N,R  
 Marchesa Boccella – Light Pink – 3' – B,R,T  
 Rose de Rescht – Deep pink -R  
 Salet – Medium Pink – 4' – H,R  
 Souv De la Malmaison – Light Pink – 3' B,R

### **MINIATURE ROSES**

Miniature roses are increasingly popular, with flowers a miniature version of hybrid teas and floribundas. Miniature rose bushes are usually smaller in height than Hybrid Teas, and are good for edging beds, or growing in containers.

Bees Knees – Yellow Blend – 3' – H,P  
 Cupcake – Medium Pink – 1' – B,H,N,T,W  
 Giggles – Medium Pink – 2' – H,T  
 Gizmo – Orange Blend – 2' – B,H  
 Green Ice – White – 2' – B,H,P,R,T  
 Irresistable – White – 2' – B,H,T  
 Magic Carousel – Red Blend – 1' – B,H,P,T  
 Millie Walters – Orange Pink – 1' – B,H,P  
 Minnie Pearl – Pink Blend – 2' – H,T  
 Pierrine – Orange Pink - T

### **MINIFLORA ROSES**

Miniflora roses are a relatively new classification, with intermediate bloom size a foliage falling between miniatures and floribundas.

Andie McDowell – 1' - T  
 Autumn Splendor – Yellow Blend – 2' - T  
 Leading Lady – White – 3' – H,T  
 Powerhouse – Red Blend – 2' – H,T  
 Showstopper – Apricot Blend – 3' – B,T  
 Tiffany Lynn – Pink Blend – 3' – R,T