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LOW MAINTENANCE ROSES FOR SOUTHEASTERN PA/NJ/DEL

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The following list of low maintenance roses was prepared by a panel of rose growers from Southeastern Pennsylvania and South Jersey. This list is 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. Some varieties are available at local nurseries. The Morris Arboretum annual plant sale in May has a great selection of low maintenance roses. To view pictures of each rose, go to www.helpmefind.com/rose. The key codes to online retailers are as follows:

A = Antique Rose Emporium (www.antiqueroseemporium.com) **E** = Edmunds Roses (www.edmundsroses.com) **H** = Heirloom Roses (www.heirloomroses.com)
N = Northland Roses (www.northlandrosarium.com) **P** = Palantine Roses (www.palatineroses.com) **R** = Roses Unlimited (www.rosesunlimiteddownroot.com)
W = Witherspoon Roses (www.witherspoonrose.com) **C** = Chamblee Rose Nursery(www.chambleeroses.com) **G** = Regan Nursery (www.regannursery.com)

For more information on growing roses, including advice on planting, pruning and maintenance visit www.ars.org or 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.

Beverly - Light Pink – 3’ – C, E, G, H, N, P

Crimson Glory – Dark Red – 3’ – A,R

Dark Desire – Violet/Red – 4’ – C, R

Dick Clark – Red/Cream – 6’ - C

Double Delight – Red/White Blend – 4’ – E, G, H, P, R, W

Elina – Light Yellow – 5’ – E, G, H, R

Frederick Mistral – Light Pink – 5’ – H, R, W

Let Freedom Ring – Medium Red – 4’ – N, R, W

Moonstone – White – 4’ – E, H, R, W

Mr. Lincoln – Dark Red – 5’ – E, H, R, W

Olympiad – Medium Red – 5’ – E, N, R, W

Peter Mayle –Deep Pink – 5’ – E, N, R, W

Pink Promise – Pink Blend – 4’ – H, P

Pope John Paul II – White – 4’ – E, G, P, W

Queen Elizabeth – Medium Pink – 4’ – E, G, N, P, R, W

Traviata – Red – 4’ – E, H, N, R

Wedding Bells – Pink – 3’ – C, H, P

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.

Cinco De Mayo – Russet – 3’ – A, C, G, H, N, R
 Colorific – Salmon – 3’ – E, G, H, N, W
 Easter Basket – Yellow Blend – 4’ – G,R
 Easy Does It – Peach - 3’ – C, E,G,H,N, R,W
 Easy Going – Yellow - 4’ – G, H, N
 Europeana – Dark Red – 2’ – G,R
 First Impression – Yellow – 3’ - N
 Hot Cocoa – Chocolate/Orange – 4’ – A,C,G,H,N,P,R,W
 Iceberg – White – 4’ – A, C,E,G,H,N,P,R,W
 Julia Child – Medium Yellow – 3’ – A,C,E,G,H,N,P,R,W
 Livin’ Easy – Orange - 4’ – A,G,N,R
 Moondance – White – 3’ – G,R
 Passionate Kisses – Medium Pink – 3’ - G
 Playboy – Red Blend – 3’ – G,H, N, R
 Shockwave – Yellow – 3’ – G,H,W
 Showbiz – Medium Red – 2’ – G,R,W
 Sunsprite – Deep Yellow – 3’ – E,G,N, R
 Walking On Sunshine - Yellow – 4’ - G

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.

Blanc Double de Coubert – White – 5’ - N,W
 Bonica – Medium Pink – 3’ – N, R
 Bull’s Eye – Cream w/ red center – 4’ – H, N
 Carefree Beauty – Medium pink – 3’ – C, R
 Darcy Bussell – Red Blend – 5’ - N
 Distant Drums (Buck) – Mauve – 3’ – E, N, R
 Drift Roses (several colors) – 3’ - C,W
 Heritage – Medium Pink – 5’ – A,R
 Home Run – Medium red – 4’ – C
 Jude The Obscure – Buff – 5’ - N
 Knockout – several colors – 4’ – Can buy locally
 Lady Elsie Mae – Orange pink – 3’ – H, R
 Lady of Shallot – Salmon/Pink/Yellow – 4’ – A,N
 Munstead Wood – Crimson – 3’ – N,W
 Olivia Rose Austin – Pink – 4’ - N
 Pink Home Run – Pink – 3’ – H
 Sally Holmes – White – 6’ – A,H, R
 Seafoam – White – 3’ – N, 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 – 8' – G,C,N
 Altissimo – Medium red – 7' – G,H,R
 Autumn Sunset – Apricot blend – 8' – E,G, H
 Brite Eyes – Pink/Yellow – 7' - G
 Cancan – Pink – 10' – G, N
 Cloud 10 - White – 7' – G,H,N
 Colette – Salmon/Pink – 8' – R, H, N
 Golden Gate – Yellow – 15' – H, N, R
 Honeymoon – White – 7' – H, N
 Jasmina – Pink – 8' – E, N, P
 Laguna – Deep pink – 8' – E, H, N, P, R
 Moonlight – Peach – 8' – N, P, R
 Morning Magic – Pink – 6' - G
 New Dawn – Light pink – 10' – C,E,G,H,N,R, W
 Quick Silver -Mauve – 7' - H
 Rosanna – Orange pink – 5' – R
 Westerland – Apricot blend - 10' – C,E,H,N,R
 Winner's Circle – Red – 8' G, N

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.

Marie Pavie (Earth Kind) – White – 2' – R
 Mothers Day – Red – 2' - R
 Mrs. R.M. Finch – Medium Pink – 3' – A,R
 The Fairy – Light Pink – 4' – A, G, H, N, R, W

FRAGRANCE ROSES

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

Crimson Glory – HT – Dark Red – 3' – R
 Double Delight – HT – Red Blend – 4' – R,W
 Jasmina – CL - Violet/Pink – 6' – N, P
 Jude The Obscure – Shrub – Medium yellow – 4' – N, W
 Marchesa Boccella –Perpetual – Light Pink – 3' – N, R
 Mister Lincoln – HT – Dark red – 5' – E, H, R
 Peter Mayle – HT – Deep pink – 5' – N, R, W
 Queen Elizabeth – Grandiflora – Medium pink – 4' – E, G, P, N
 Rose de Rescht – Portland – Deep pink – 3' – R
 Secret – Cream/Pink – HT – 3' – G, 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.

Dagmar Hastrup – light pink – 4' - E
 Louise Odier – Deep Pink – 4' – H
 MME Hardy – White – 5' – N, R
 Marchesa Boccella – Light Pink – 3' – N, R
 Rose de Rescht – Deep pink - R
 Salet – Medium Pink – 4' –H, R
 Souv De la Malmaison – Light Pink – 3' - 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’ – F, H
 Crazy Dottie – Orange blend – 2’ - H
 Cupcake – Medium Pink – 1’ – C, E, H
 Gizmo – Orange Blend – 2’ – F, H
 Gourmet Popcorn – White – 2’ – E, G
 Green Ice – White – 2’ – C, H
 Irresistable – White – 2’ – F, H
 Magic Carousel – Red Blend – 1’ – H
 Tiddly Winks – Yellow Blend – 18” – E, N
 Whimsy – White/Pink – 2’ – G, H, N

MINIFLORA ROSES

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

Leading Lady – White – 3’ – F
 Showstopper – Apricot Blend – 3’ – F
 Sunglow – Medium Yellow
 Tiffany Lynn – Pink Blend – 3’ – F