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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. To view pictures of each rose, go to www.helpmefind.com/rose. The key codes to online retailers are as follows (some varieties sell out in the fall):

A = Antique Rose Emporium (www.antiqroseemporium.com) **B**= Burlington Roses (www.burlingtonroses.com) **C** = Chamblee Roses (www.chambleeroses.com)

E = Edmunds Roses (www.edmundsroses.com) **G** = Regan Nursery (www.regannursery.com) **H** = Heirloom Roses (www.heirloomroses.com)

K = K&M Roses (www.kandmroses.com) **N** = Northland Roses (www.northlandrosarium.com) **P** = Palatine Roses (www.palatineroses.com)

R= Roses Unlimited (<https://rosesunlimitedsc.com/>) **W** = Witherspoon Roses (www.witherspoonrose.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.

Apricot Candy - Apricot Blend - 5' - E,G,N,W
 Beverly - Light Pink - 3' - Belinda's Dream - A,E,H,P,R
 Crimson Glory - Dark Red - 3' - B
 Dark Desire - Violet/Red - 4' - C,H,P,R
 Dick Clark - Red/Cream - 6' - E,G,H,K,N
 Double Delight - Red/White Blend - 4' - B,C,E,G,H,K,P,R,W
 Earth Song - Deep Pink - 4' - B
 Elina - Light Yellow - 5' - B,E,K,R

Frederick Mistral - Light Pink - 5' - H,R
 Grande Amore - Medium Red - 4' - A,G,H,N,R
 Moonstone - White - 4' - E,G,H,K,P,R,W
 Mr. Lincoln - Dark Red - 5' - C,E,G,H,K,N,R,W
 Olympiad - Medium Red - 5' - E,G,K,N,W
 Peter Mayle - Deep Pink - 5' - G,H,N,T,W
 Pink Promise - Pink Blend - 4' - G,K
 Pope John Paul II - White - 4' - E,G,K,R,W
 Princess Charlene de Monaco - Apricot Blend - 3' - E,G,R,W
 Queen Elizabeth - Medium Pink - 4' - G,H,K,R,W
 Savannah - Salmon/Pink - 4' - A,C,E,H,R
 Sunny Sky - Yellow Blend - 4' - C,G,H,K,R
 Wedding Bells - Pink - 3' - C,G,H,R
 Winter Sun - Light Yellow - 3' - A,C,R

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.

Bliss Parfuma - Cream/Pink - 3' - A,N,P,R,W
 Canyon Road - Red - 2' - G,N
 Cinco De Mayo – Russet – 3' – A,C,G,H,K,R
 Colorific – Salmon – 3' – G,H,W
 Earth Angel - Light Pink - 3' - C,E,G,H,N,P,W
 Easter Basket – Yellow Blend – 4' – H,R
 Easy Does It – Peach - 3' – C,E,G,H,K,N,R
 Easy Going – Yellow - 4' – C,G,H,N
 Easy To Please - Pink - 5' - G,H
 Easy Spirit - White - 4' - G,H,W
 Europeana – Dark Red – 2' – B,G,K,W
 Eyeconic Mango Lemonade - Orange/red center - 3' - G
 Fire Opal Kolorscape - White Blend - 2' - C,R
 First Impression – Yellow – 3' - G
 Gilded Sun - Yellow - 3' - G
 Iceberg – White – 4' – A,B,C,E,G,H,K,P,R
 Julia Child – Medium Yellow – 3' – A,C,E,G,K,P,R,W
 Livin' Easy – Orange - 4' – C,G,N,R
 Moondance – White – 3' – R
 Passionate Kisses – Medium Pink – 3' - G,H,N
 Playboy – Red Blend – 3' – G,H,K,N,R
 Shockwave – Yellow – 3' – G,W
 Sunsprite – Deep Yellow – 3' – C,E,G,H,R

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.

Bonica – Medium Pink – 3' – B,R
 Bouquet Parfait - White - 4' - B
 Carefree Beauty – Medium pink – 3' – A,C,R
 Carefree Spirit - Red/white center - 5' - H
 Darcy Bussell – Red Blend – 5' - W
 Distant Drums (Buck) – Mauve – 3' – E,N,R
 Drift Roses (several colors) – 3' - Available locally
 Heritage – Medium Pink – 5' – Light pink - 4' - A
 Home Run – Medium red – 4' – C,H
 Knock Out – several colors – 4' – Available locally
 Lady Elsie May – Orange pink – 3' – H,R
 Lady of Shalot – Salmon/Pink/Yellow – 4' – A
 Olivia Rose Austin – Pink – 4' - W
 Pink Home Run – Pink – 3' – C,H
 Sally Holmes – White – 6' – A,G,H,N,P,R
 Seafoam – White – 3' – A,C,N,R
 Take It Easy - Dark Red - 4' - H,K

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 some varieties bloom only on last year's canes.

Altissimo – Medium red – 7' – B,G,H,K,R
 Autumn Sunset – Apricot blend – 8' – B
 Bajazzo - Red/white reverse - 10' - H,R
 Cancan – Pink – 10' – H
 Cherry Frost - Cherry Red - 6' - G,H
 Cloud 10 - White – 7' – G,H,R
 Colette – Salmon/Pink – 8' – G
 Florentina - Red - 9' - G,H,P,R
 Fourth of July – Red blend – 8' – C,G,H,K,N
 Golden Gate – Yellow – 15' – R
 Honeymoon – White – 7' – H,P,R
 Jasmina – Pink – 8' – H,N,P,R
 Laguna – Deep pink – 8' – H,R
 Moonlight – Peach – 8' – N
 New Dawn – Light pink – 10' – B,K,R,W
 Quick Silver -Mauve – 7' - C,G,H,N,P,R,W
 Tangerine Skies - Orange/Yellow - 8' - G,H,P,R
 Westerland – Apricot blend - 10' – C,H,P,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.

Margo Koster - Orange Blend - 2' - B,R
 Marie Pavie (Earth Kind) – White – 2' – B,C,H,P,R
 Mlle Cecile Brunner - Pink Blend - 3' - C,H,N,R
 Mothers Day – Red – 2' - R
 Pretty Polly Lavender - Lavender - 2' - G,H,N
 The Fairy – Light Pink – 4' – B,C,E,G,H,K,N,P,R
 White Pet - White - 2' - A,H,R

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' – B
 Double Delight – HT – Red Blend – 4' – B,C,E,G,H,K,P,R,W
 Jasmina – CL - Violet/Pink – 6' – N,P
 Marchesa Boccella –Perpetual – Light Pink – 3' – B
 Mister Lincoln – HT – Dark red – 5' – C,E,G,H,K,N,R,W
 Peter Mayle – HT – Deep pink – 5' – G,H,N,R,W
 Pope John Paul II - White - 4' - E,G,K,P,R,W
 Savannah - Salmon/Pink - 4' - A,C,E,H,R
 Secret – Cream/Pink – HT – 3' – E,K,N

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' – B,H,P
 MME Hardy – White – 5' – P,R
 Marchesa Boccella – Light Pink – 3' –A,R
 Rose de Rescht – Deep pink -H,R
 Salet – Medium Pink – 4' –H,R
 Souvenir de la Malmaison – Light Pink – 3' - A,B,H,K,P

MINIATURE ROSES

Miniature roses are increasingly popular, with flowers that are 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' – B,K,R
 Cupcake – Medium Pink – 1' – B
 Gourmet Popcorn – White – 2' – B,E,G
 Green Ice – White – 2' – B,R
 Irresistible – White – 2' – B,R
 Magic Carrousel – Red Blend – 1' – B
 Roxy - Deep Pink - 2' - R
 Tiddly Winks – Yellow Blend – 18" – G
 Whimsy – White/Pink – 2' – N

MINIFLORA ROSES

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

Autumn Splendor - Yellow Blend - 3' - B,K,R
 Maroon Eight - Dark Red - 3' - B
 Show Stopper – Apricot Blend – 3' – B,K
 Tiffany Lynn – Pink Blend – 3' – K