

Hardy Shrub Roses

What are Shrub Roses?

Shrub roses are a category of roses that include varieties that don't fall under any of the other available classifications. Many shrub roses are a result of crossing species roses with bush roses creating new and improved versions. These tough roses have been bred to have the best attributes of all classes. Shrub rose bushes are defined by the American Rose Society (ARS) as "a class of hardy, easy-care plants that encompass bushy roses that do not fit in any other category of rose bush." To be classified as a hardy shrub rose, the plant must be able to reliably survive the winter without any special protection. While hybrid teas are usually too tender for our environment, shrub roses offer exceptional beauty while being extremely hardy.

Shrub roses are among some of the most hardy and successful flowering shrubs. Once established, they are low maintenance, disease-resistant, and they tolerate poor soil and drought conditions. Many varieties offer fragrant flowers and even rebloom throughout the growing season. The category of "shrub rose" includes many climbers and ground cover roses as well. So not all rose shrubs are shrub roses, and not all shrub roses are rose shrubs!

- ❖ Hybrid rugosa roses are a subcategory of shrub roses that are known for their fragrance and hardiness in the garden. They were introduced to Europe from Japan in 1796. These varieties are some of the hardiest of roses. The name rugosa is derived from their wrinkled foliage.
- ❖ Canadian hardy roses were developed under the direction of the Canadian Department of Agriculture for winter hardiness, disease resistance, ease of propagation and repeat blooming.
- ❖ Species roses belong to a distinct species and not to one of the many varieties produced by hybridization. They are usually extremely hardy and bear abundant single flowers, but they usually bloom only once a season.

Shrub Rose Maintenance:

Light Requirements: Shrub roses do well in full sun and well-drained soil, but some tolerate partial sun or partial shade.

Water Requirements: Water shrub roses whenever the top inch of soil has dried out. Though many can tolerate brief droughts, supplemental water should be given to prevent prolonged stress.

Pruning: Prune old canes in the spring that have died-out over the winter. Many shrub roses continuously bloom throughout the summer and do not require deadheading. Others might require pruning to encourage subsequent blooms. Note that some varieties are valued for their Rosehips and deadheading will prevent them from forming.

Fertilizing: Shrub roses are not heavy feeders like hybrid teas. Apply a good slow-release fertilizer in the Spring.

Spraying for Deer: While you wouldn't think deer would want to chow down on a branch full of thorns, deer love rose flowers. Spraying with deer repellent can help deter them from eating your blooms.



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Here is a sample list of some of the Shrub Roses we commonly carry at McCord's Garden Center:

“We can complain because rose bushes have thorns...or rejoice because thorn bushes have roses.” – Abraham Lincoln

Name	Type	Fragrant Y/N	Zone	Height	Width	Repeat Blooms Y/N
Austrian Copper Rose (orange, single)	Species Rose	Y	3	6-8'	6-8'	N
Bonica® Rose (pink, double)	Shrub	N	5	3-4'	3-4'	Y
Campfire Rose (pink-yellow blend, double) (FE)	Shrub	Y	3	3'	3'	Y
Cuthbert Grant Rose (red, double)	Shrub	Y	3	2-3'	2-3'	Y
Darlow's Enigma Rose (white, semi-double)	Climber	Y	4	5-8'	4-6'	Y
Meidiland Roses (Fire, Scarlet, Crimson)	Groundcover	N	5	1-2'	3-4'	Y
Foxi Pavement Rose (deep pink, double)	Hybrid Rugosa	Y	3	4-6'	4-6'	Y
Golden Wings Rose (yellow, single)	Shrub	Y	5	4-6'	3-4'	Y
Hansa Rose (fuchsia pink, double)	Hybrid Rugosa	Y	3	4-6'	3-4'	Y
Harrison's Yellow Rose (yellow, double)	Shrub	Y	3	4-6'	4-6'	N
High Voltage Rose (yellow, double) (FE)	Shrub	Y	4	4-5'	2-4'	Y
Hope for Humanity Rose (red, double)	Shrub	Y	3	4-6'	3-4'	Y
Knock Out™ Roses (Red, Coral, Pink, Sunny, White)	Shrub	Y	4-5	3-4'	3-4'	Y
Linda Campbell Rose (red, double)	Hybrid Rugosa	N	5	4-6'	4-6'	Y
Morden Centennial Rose (pink, double)	Canadian Hardy	Y	3	4-6'	3-4'	Y
Morden Snowbeauty (semi-double, white)	Canadian Hardy	Y	2	2-3'	3-4'	Y
Morden Sunrise Rose (orange-yellow, semi-double)	Canadian Hardy	Y	3	4-6'	3-4'	Y
Nearly Wild Rose (pink, single)	Floribunda	Y	3	2-3'	2-3'	Y
Oso Easy Hot Paprika® Rose (PW) (orange, semi-double)	Shrub	Y	3	1-2'	2-3'	Y
Oso Easy Lemon Zest® Rose (PW) (canary yellow, semi-double)	Shrub	Y	4	2-3'	2-3'	Y
Oso Easy® Mango Salsa Rose (PW) (grapefruit, semi-double)	Shrub	Y	4	1-3'	2-3'	Y
Paint the Town Rose (medium red, double)	Shrub	N	4	2-3'	2-3'	Y
Red Drift Rose (cardinal red, double)	Groundcover	N	4	1-2'	2-3'	Y
Red-Leaf Rose (pink, single)	Species Rose	N	2	6-8'	4-6'	Y
Ruby Voodoo Rose (fuschia, double)	Shrub	Y	4	4-6'	3-4'	Y
Seafoam Rose (white, double)	Ground Cover/Climber	N	5	2'	3-6'	Y
Sunrise Sunset Rose (pink-yellow blend, double)	Shrub	N	4	3-6'	4-6'	Y
Theresa Bugnet Rose (pink, double)	Hybrid Rugosa	Y	2	6-8'	4-6'	Y
Winnipeg Parks Rose (red, double)	Shrub	Y	4	3-4'	3-4'	Y
Woods Rose (pink, single)	Wild Rose/Native	Y	3	2-5'	2-5'	N