



Roses for 2023

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Every year Acer Gardens improves and extends its rose selections, using both Own Root and Budded varieties. We are growing many different varieties for 2023, featuring plants that are disease resistant and completely hardy in the Connecticut landscape. These roses have been carefully chosen to give you season-long enjoyment with a minimum of effort.

All roses need at least 6+ hours of sun during the growing season and a rich, loamy, well-drained soil. Apply slow release or organic fertilizers once or twice during the growing season and water deeply once a week. Roses do not like to have wet leaves so good soil watering techniques will help minimize any possible problems. Mulching will help the rose roots stay cool. Like all plants, roses respond to a little extra attention and will reward you many times over if you meet their basic needs.

Here is a listing of our current rose offerings with details of the various rose types:

Climbing Roses These roses grow long, arching canes. When properly trained and tied, they can climb up fences, over walls and through arbors and pergolas. Support is necessary to prevent flopping and encourage superior bloom.

Arborese ‘Florentina’	Z. 5-9	Bares clusters of bright red flowers on glossy, disease-resistant foliage. Suitable for trellis, fence or arbor. Compact, excellent climber 7’ tall by 3’ wide.
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Arborese ‘Kiss Me Kate’	Z. 5-10	Extremely fragrant, medium pink blooms. Dark green foliage with excellent disease resistance. Climbing, 10’ tall by 4’ wide.
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Arborose ‘Tangerine Skies’	Z. 5-9	Fragrant blooms in citrus shades of orange, peach and mango. Reblooms. Excellent disease resistance and drought tolerant. Climbs 8’ tall and grows 4’ wide.	
Arborose ‘Quicksilver’	Z.5-10	Fragrant, double lavender blooms. Robust and disease resistant. Dark green, semi-glossy foliage. Climber, 7’ tall by 4’ wide.	
‘Fruity Petals’	Z. 4-9	Bushy climber to 6 ft high. Large, lightly-scented flowers in coral with a yellow center. Good rebloomer and good disease resistance.	
‘New Dawn’	Z. 5-9	Hardy, classic climber with clusters of medium-sized blush pink flowers. Repeat, vigorous rose can reach 18-20’, blooming on new and old wood.	
‘White Eden’	Z. 5-10	Old fashioned, vigorous climber to 12’. Slightly scented, large white blooms contrast nicely with dark green foliage. Repeat bloomer with good disease resistance. Excellent for trellises or arbors. Classic cottage rose	
‘Zepherine Drouhin’	Z. 5-9	Heirloom rose from 1868. Thornless Stems. Cerise pink flowers in spring and fall. Strong bourbon fragrance. Climbing habit and reaches 8-10’ tall. Excellent for trellises and arbors.	

Ground Cover Roses

‘Seafoam’

Z. 4-9

Sprawling rose with creamy white, large double blooms. Continuously covered with large masses of bloom all season. Good disease resistance and winter hardiness. Grows 3’ tall and 4’ wide.



Floribunda Roses

Floribundas are crosses between polyantha and tea roses. These are generally smaller shrubs with multi-flowered stems. These produce an abundance of single or double blooms on long stems. Often highly fragrant.

‘Bolero’

Z. 5-10

White blooms with strong fragrance of traditional rose mixed with tropical fruit. Compact, 3- 4’ tall by 2-3’ wide. Disease resistant foliage.



‘Candy Cane Cocktail’

Z. 5-10

Bi-colored blooms of white suffused with deep pink to red edges. Dark green, semi glossy foliage. Excellent disease resistance. Bushy, 3 ½- 4’ tall. Impressive re-blooming.



‘Canyon Road’

Z. 5-9

Unique brick-red blooms. Dark green, glossy foliage. Very bushy, 2 ½’ tall by 3 ½’ wide. Good tolerance to disease.



‘Cinco de Mayo’

Z. 5-10

Non-stop display of smoked lavender and rusty, red-orange blooms. Mild apple scent. Very bushy, 3- 4’ tall by 3’ wide. Dark green, very glossy foliage.



‘Easy Does It’

Z. 5-9

Orange-apricot blooms with scalloped, ruffled petals. Fruity fragrance. Glossy, green foliage that is disease resistant. Rounded, bushy, 3- 4’ tall



'Europeana'	Z. 5-10	Dark red, double blooms perform well in heat and last into the fall. Deep, bronze-green foliage. Lightly scented. Rounded habit. 2-3' high and 3' wide.	
'Gilded Sun'	Z. 6-9	Deep yellow non-fading blooms. Large, green, glossy foliage. Exceptional disease resistance. Very bushy, up to 5' tall.	
'Intrigue'	Z. 5-9	Medium-sized, soft purple blossoms are strongly scented with citrus. Glossy medium green foliage. Bushy at 2-5' high and 3' wide. Great in beds and borders. Green, glossy foliage.	
'Julia Child'	Z. 5-9	Butter gold, double flowers have a licorice scent. Rounded plant is perfect for cutting gardens. Disease resistant and heat tolerant. Grows to 3' tall.	
'Orchid Romance'	Z. 5-10	Medium-sized, double flowers in medium to dark pink with lavender undertones. Strong citrus scent on bushy, 4 1/2' x 3'w plants. Minimal care required.	
'Sunbelt South Africa'	Z. 5-10	Large, double blooms in a bright yellow-orange. Moderately fragrant. Sunbelt roses are non-fading and continuously blooming. Excellent heat tolerance and long-season beauty. Upright, spreading habit 4' high x 3' wide.	

Grandiflora Roses

Grandiflora roses are hardy crosses between floribunda and hybrid tea roses. Large blooms on long stems make them excellent for cut flowers.

'Gold Struck'	Z 5-10	Golden yellow blooms, sometimes suffused with orange. Dark green, semi-glossy foliage with excellent disease resistance. Up to 5 1/2' tall.	
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‘Mother of Pearl’

Z 5-10

Medium, soft salmon pink blooms on tall, bushy plants to 4’ high and 2’ wide. Slight fragrance. Excellent winter hardiness and resistance to black spot. This rose performs well in cooler areas and hot, humid environments. Excellent for cutting flowers.



Landscape Shrub Roses

Landscape roses encompass a wide variety of hardy, easy-care shrub roses that don’t fit in other established rose classes.

‘Bonica’

Z. 4-10

Shell pink blooms from spring until frost. Deep green, glossy foliage. Tough and vigorous. Spreading, bushy, 3-5’ tall by 4 ½ -5’ wide.



‘Icecap’

Z. 4-9

Dense flush of pure white blooms from spring until frost. Disease resistant dark green foliage. Very bushy, 2 ½’ tall by 3 ½’ wide.



‘The Fairy’

Z. 4-9

Clusters of 1 ½” bubble-gum pink flowers from summer to frost. Light apple fragrance. Very hardy and vigorous. Grows 2-4’ tall and wide.



‘Meidiland Ruby’

Z. 5-10

clusters of small, double, ruby-red blooms that flower from summer to frost. Excellent flowering and disease resistance. Low mounding rose that grows 2-3’ tall by 3’-4’ wide.



‘Pretty Polly White’

Z. 4-9

Double white flowers summer to frost. Excellent flowering and disease resistance. Very compact and nearly thornless, grows 3’ tall and wide.



‘Pretty Polly Pink’

Z. 4-10

Double pink blooms from spring through fall. Light, sweet scent. Medium green foliage with very good disease resistance. Compact, very bushy, 2 ½’ tall by 3’ wide.



‘Tequila’

Z. 5-10

Small, bright apricot-orange blooms fade to light yellow on glossy rich green foliage. Mounding habit 2-3’ high and 3-4’ wide. Excellent as a specimen or hedge. Perfect for hot, dry environments. Very lightly scented



Rugosa Roses (Beach Roses) Rugosa roses are low-maintenance, sprawling shrubs that require minimal fertilization and water. They can handle drought, salt and wind well. Rugosas are very fragrant with large, red hips in the fall. Extremely well-thorned. Great for foundation planting in sunny areas.

Available Rosa rugosa (Red Beach Rose) and Rosa rugosa ‘Alba’ (White Beach Rose).

Knock Out Roses

Z. 5-11

Available in pink, white, red and double flowers. Blooms late spring to hard frost. Known for disease resistance and easy care. Grows 3-4’ tall and wide.



Petite Knock Out

Z. 4-10

Fire engine, non-fading red blooms, smaller than other Knock Out blooms. Dark green, extremely glossy foliage. Compact and bushy. Mature plants are 18”.



Drift Roses

Z. 4-11

Cross between ground-cover and miniature rose. Related to Knockout Rose family. Repeat bloomer compact habit, good disease resistance. Available in white, apricot, pink and red flowers. Ideal for pathways and walkways. Grows 18” tall by 3’ wide.

