

PLANT PROFILE

Rosa



Common Name: Shrub or Bush Rose

Foliage: Deciduous

Habit: Open and spreading shape, often with arching prickly branches that flower along their length, flowers are single, semi-double or fully double

Height: Up to 2m depending on variety

Soil type: Rich, moist well-drained soil

Soil Ph: Slightly acidic

Aspect: Full sun or light shade

Hardiness: Hardy in the UK but may depend on variety

Flowering Time Summer, some varieties may repeat flower into the Autumn

Other characteristics: Can also be affected by die-back and flower balling

Propagation: Softwood cuttings taken in the spring, or hardwood cuttings taken mid-autumn to late winter are the easiest way to propagate

Cultivation: Water roses regularly to keep soil moist but not waterlogged. Mulch annually with organic matter such as well-rotted animal manure and use a rose feed to promote flowering in summer. Plant bare-root roses from November to March. Container grown Roses can be planted at any time of year

Pruning: Dead head to prolong flowering, prune annually in the winter

Pests: Aphids

Disease: Black spot

Uses: Ornamental, Rose hips (seed pods) are a winter food source for birds and can be used decoratively in seasonal wreaths, Rose oil is widely used in perfume