

Rose Classification

Hybrid Tea

The dominant rose class in modern roses. The long, pointed buds and semi-double to double flowers are large and well formed. Plants are generally three to five feet high.

Floribunda

Individual flowers are smaller than those of hybrid teas. They are borne in clusters and produce a good mass display. Individual blooms may be single to double; some are informal shape, others as shapely as hybrid teas. The bushy plants grow two to four feet high.

Grandiflora

Descended from crosses between hybrid teas and floribundas. Roses of this class combine hybrid tea beauty with the greater bloom production of the floribundas. Medium to large flowers usually in small clusters on tall growing (five to eight foot) plants.

Climber

Climbing roses have long, flexible canes that reach a considerable length- from eight feet to twenty feet or more. They are typically grown against a wall or fence. Pillar roses can be trained upright. Some climbers are sports of bush hybrid teas, grandifloras or floribundas. Some are called "large flowered climbers."

Standard or Tree

A product of the propagator's art, this is a bush rose budded onto an understock stem to produce a rose "tree." Miniature standards are budded short (one to two foot) stems; floribundas, hybrid teas and grandifloras are typically budded onto two to three -foot stems.

Shrub

This is a term used to describe a diverse group of mixed-ancestry roses that do not fit any established classifications. Flower sizes vary from small to large, plants from four to ten feet tall; all perform well as flowering shrubs in the landscape.

Old Garden Rose

The various classes of roses that came into existence before the hybrid teas in 1867. They are referred to as 'Old Garden Roses.' Included are the favorites of years gone by, many with "old fashioned" shape and notable fragrance.

Miniature

The modern miniature roses are derived from miniature China rose and hybrid teas, grandifloras and floribundas. Flower size is one to two- inch range, on plants generally two feet or less in height. Flowers range from informal to hybrid tea style.