

'WILD SPICE' ROSE

Rosa 'Jacruwhi' 'Wild Spice'



Characteristics

- Type: Deciduous shrub
- Zone: 5 to 8
- Height: 3.00 to 4.00 feet
- Spread: 2.00 to 3.00 feet
- Bloom Color: Pure white
- Bloom Time: May to frost
- Flower: Showy, Fragrant
- Sun: Full sun
- Water: Medium
- Maintenance: Medium
- Attracts: Butterflies

Culture

Best grown in medium moisture, slightly acidic, well-drained garden loams in full sun to part shade. Best flowering and disease resistance generally occur in full sun, however. Water deeply and regularly (mornings are best). Avoid overhead watering. Good air circulation promotes vigorous and healthy growth and helps control foliar diseases. Summer mulch helps retain moisture, keeps roots cool and discourages weeds. Remove spent flowers to encourage rebloom. Crowns need winter protection in cold winter areas such as St. Louis. Remove and destroy diseased leaves from plants, as practicable, and clean up and destroy dead leaves from the ground around the plants both during the growing season and as part of a thorough cleanup during winter (dormant season). Prune as needed in late winter to early spring.

Noteworthy characteristics

Rosa is a genus of about 150 species of deciduous (occasionally evergreen) shrubs and climbers noted for their beautiful, often fragrant, single, semidouble or double flowers which are borne singly or in clusters on often prickly stems clad with 5-9 leaflets often having toothed margins. Shrub roses are usually large-growing bushes between 4-10 feet tall and as wide. They are a very diverse group of hybrids and usually produce clusters of flowers several times a year but some may bloom just once in spring. They do not require the heavy pruning required of hybrid tea, floribunda and grandiflora roses unless being pruned to control size. Plants can be allowed to grow large with minimal pruning. 'Wild Spice' is a hybrid rugosa shrub rose which typically grows to 4' tall and 3' wide. Features profuse, strongly fragrant, pure white, 2-3" diameter, semi-double flowers which bloom throughout the summer and into fall. Leathery, wrinkled, dark green foliage. Orange-red hips follow blooms. Genus name comes from the Latin name. Rugosa means wrinkled in reference to the appearance of the foliage.

Problems

Roses are susceptible to a large number of diseases, the most common of which are black spot, powdery mildew, rust and rose rosette. Although good cultural practices are the first line of defense in disease control, regular preventative fungicide applications throughout the growing season are usually required, particularly in humid climates with regular rainfall. Potential insect problems include aphids, beetles, borers, scale, thrips, rose midges, leafhoppers and spider mites.

Garden Uses

Grow as a specimen or in small groups in borders, cottage gardens, foundations or rose gardens. Also effective as a hedge.