



The Griffith Buck Roses

During his tenure at Iowa State University, Griffith Buck developed more than 85 roses that are noted for their free-flowering habit, disease resistance, and winter hardiness. More than 30 of these are briefly described below. Griffith Buck roses can be purchased at local garden centers and mail-order-nurseries. A list of mail-order sources is provided at the end of the varietal descriptions.

Amiga Mia—Pink flowers composed of 25 to 35 petals. Sweetly scented. 3½- to 4-foot shrub.

Applejack—Semi-double, pink flowers. 5-foot shrub.

April Moon—Lemon yellow flowers tinted red in cool weather. 3-foot shrub.

Aunt Honey—Large, medium-pink flowers are produced on bushy, upright 3- to 4½-foot shrub.

Barn Dance—Light salmon pink flowers are produced on 3- to 3½-foot shrub.

Blue Skies—Lavender-blue flowers on 3-foot shrub.

Carefree Beauty—Loosely double, bright pink flowers. Heavy, frequent bloom on 4- to 5-foot shrub.

Country Dancer—Rose-pink, double flowers. 3- to 4-foot shrub.

Country Music—Pink flowers have a slight clove fragrance.

Countryman—Light rose flowers are borne singly and in clusters of 5 to 15. Erect, spreading 4-foot shrub.

Distant Drums—Double, rose-purple flowers with shades of gold or tan. Strong myrrh fragrance. 3- to 4-foot shrub.

Earth Song—Soft rose-pink flowers on 4- to 5-foot shrub.

Ellen's Joy—Large, light pink flowers.

Folksinger—Yellow flowers flushed with peach. Bushy, upright shrub.

Freckles—Pink flowers spotted with red “freckles.” Erect, bushy shrub.

Frontier Twirl—Rose-pink flower petals have yellow at their bases. 3-foot shrub.

Gentle Persuasion—Yellow-orange flowers. Dark green foliage.

Hawkeye Belle—Ivory-white flowers with pink blush. Flowers possess strong, sweet fragrance. 3½-foot shrub.

Honeysweet—Double, red-orange blooms. Strong, sweet fragrance. 3-foot shrub.

Les Sjulín—Coral-pink flowers with old-rose fragrance. 3- to 3½-foot shrub.

Malaguena—Light pink petals speckled with dark rose spots.

Maytime—Apricot-pink blooms composed of 6 to 10 petals. 2½-foot shrub.

Mountain Music—Petals are light rose-pink with light yellow shading. Sweetly fragrant. 3-foot shrub.

Music Maker—Light pink flowers on 2- to 3-foot shrub.

Paloma Blanca—Ivory-white flowers on bushy 3- to 3½-foot shrub.

Pearlie Mae—Light apricot blooms on 3- to 4-foot shrub.

Polonaise—Double, deep pink blossoms on upright, bushy 3½- to 4-foot shrub.

Prairie Clogger—Single, medium red flowers are produced on erect, bushy 3-foot shrub.

Prairie Flower—Single, cardinal-red flowers with white centers. 4-foot shrub.

Prairie Harvest—Double (40 to 45 petals), light yellow flowers on upright, bushy 4-foot shrub.

Prairie Lass—Medium pink flowers with rose-red spots. Spicy fragrance.



Mail-order sources for Griffith Buck roses

Chamblee's Rose Nursery

10926 US Highway 69N, Tyler, Texas 75706

(903) 882-5153

www.chambleeroses.com

Heirloom Roses

24062 NE Riverside Drive, St. Paul, Oregon 97137

(503) 538-1576

www.heirloomroses.com

High Country Roses

P.O. Box 22901, Denver, Colorado 80005

(303) 321-0899

www.highcountryroses.com

Hortico Nurseries

422 Concession 5 East, Waterdown, Ontario L0R 2H1 Canada

(905) 689-6984

www.hortico.com

Northland Rosarium

9405 South Williams Lane, Spokane, Washington 99224

(509) 448-4968

www.northlandrosarium.com

Roses Unlimited

363 North Deerwood Drive, Laurens, South Carolina 29360

(864) 682-7673

rosesunlimiteddownroot.com

Prairie Princess—Semi-double pink flowers on 5-foot shrub.

Prairie Star—Double (45 to 60 petals), creamy white flowers on 4-foot shrub.

Quietness—Double, light pink flowers possess an intense old-rose fragrance. Upright shrub.

Serendipity—Orange-yellow petals with faint pink edges. 3- to 4-foot shrub.

Sevilliana—Semi-double flowers. Pink petals with yellow bases and red “freckles.”

Silver Shadows—Pale bluish-lavender flowers fade to white with lavender or silver tones. 3- to 3½-foot shrub.

Summer Wind—Single to semi-double, orange-red flowers on 4-foot shrub.

Wild Ginger—Double, orange blossoms with shades of pink and yellow. Fruity fragrance. 4-foot shrub.

Winter Sunset (Fuzzy Naval)—Double yellow flowers.

For more information

On selection, planting, cultural practices, and environmental quality contact your local Iowa State University Extension office. Visit these websites—

<https://store.extension.iastate.edu/>

www.yardandgarden.extension.iastate.edu

www.reimangardens.iastate.edu

Call ISU's Hortline (515) 294-3108 (Monday- Friday, 10 a.m.-noon and 1-4:30 p.m.).

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