

China Rose

GENERAL	
Origin	: sub-Mediterranean, Mediterranean, sub-tropical
Vigour	: fairly fast growing
Humidity	: semi-arid, semi-humid, very humid
Propagation	: cuttings
Maintenance	: high
CONDITIONS	
Urban climate	: vulnerable
Dessication	: vulnerable
Stagnant water	: vulnerable
Irrigation	: high
Salinity/ppm	: moderate (1800 ppm)
Hardiness	: -12°C
SHAPE	
Type	: shrub
Height	: 1.2 m-2 m
Spread	: 2 m-10 m
Foliage	: deciduous
FLOWER	
Colour	: pink
Size	: 5 cm
Period	: June - September
Smell	: scented, flower
FRUIT	
Type of fruit	: berry
Fruit size	: 2 cm
Toxicity	: edible when processed

Rosa chinensis, the China Rose, comes from central China, as the name indicates. The rose grows as a shrub up to a height of 2 metres. A number of different varieties have been cultivated for hundreds of years in China, so it is not easy to recognise the differences between wild roses and the cultivars. The cultivars appear in a very wide range of colours when they flower. The rose is a beautiful ornamental plant. Roses bloom in early summer, and release a strong fruity scent. The China Rose flowers repetitively, and is referred to as remontant. It came to Europe in the late eighteenth century, and about 200 different cultivars were bred with filled blossom. For the most part, their colours were red and pink, but not yellow. Roses prefer a sunny location with ample irrigation and nutrients. Pruning is required after flowering. In landscape design, roses are suitable for planting in sheltered locations such as parks, private gardens and as a container plant. In Arriyadh, they can be seen in several private parks and gardens. But even outside of Arriyadh, this rose is sufficiently hardy, for example, in sheltered court yards. It can be planted as an accent plant, in groups or as massed planting. Like all species of roses, R. chinensis is a shrub for plant enthusiasts. Susceptible to all kinds of pests and diseases, they need constant attention and knowledge for optimal development, growth and bloom.

