

'PERLE D'OR' ROSE

Rosa 'Perle d'Or Rose'



Characteristics

- Type: Shrub
- Zone: 6 to 9
- Height: 3-6 feet
- Spread: 2-3 feet
- Bloom Color: Pink
- Bloom Time: May to frost
- Flower: Showy
- Sun: Full sun
- Water: Medium
- Maintenance: Medium
- Attracts: Butterflies
- Earth-Kind® Rose

Culture

This dainty little rose has a powerful perfume that can scent an entire room. 'Perle d'Or' has buds that change from nearly orange to golden pink as they unfold in small clusters. The silky petals curl back neatly upon opening into a delicate pompom shape. Foliage is a soft apple green, healthy, and full on a plant that is seldom out of bloom. The small, full flowers have 26 to 40 petals, forming small light rosettes with an average diameter of 1.6 in. Their color is creamy amber with a hint of pink and ages to white, starting at the edges. Their fragrance is described as sweet and fruity, and varying in strength from light to strong. They develop from vermillion, long, ovoid buds and appear in large, long-stemmed clusters of 5 to 25 in flushes throughout the season. 'Perle d'Or' has well-branched shoots with glossy, medium to dark green foliage, and very few scattered, large thorns. 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.

Noteworthy Characteristics

'Perle d'Or' (pearl of gold) is a highly regarded old garden rose that is well suited to many growing conditions even alkaline clay soil and hot dry weather. It blooms from spring until fall replacing spent flowers quickly with new flushes of bloom. It does not like to be too wet nor does it appreciate highly saline irrigation water. This rose works well anywhere in the landscape that has good air circulation. It is also suitable for a large container on a deck or patio or along a walkway where its fragrance and flowers can be enjoyed up close. 'Perle d'Or' was selected as the 2007 "Earth-Kind® Rose of the Year" by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service. Earth-Kind® is a special designation given to select rose cultivars by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service through the Earth-Kind® landscaping program. It is based on the results of extensive research and field trials and is awarded only to those roses demonstrating superior pest tolerance, combined with outstanding landscape performance. Bred in France by Dubreuil and introduced by Rambaux.

Problems

Roses are susceptible to a large number of diseases, the most common of which are black spot, powdery mildew, rust and rose rosette. Potential insect problems include aphids, beetles, borers, scale, thrips, rose midges, leafhoppers and spider mites.

Garden Uses

Massed, small groups, border, cottage garden.