



More Trials from my Garden

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Below are lists of lilacs and roses I have tested over the years. My trial site is on the south side of Chena Hot Springs Road down in a valley. I do not get much effect from winter inversions.

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Lilacs for the Interior

Preston hybrid lilacs (*Syringa x prestoniae*) are Canadian hybrid forms that were developed at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, by Isabella Preston. This group of hybrids are non-suckering, grow 6 to 10 feet high, and have a good range of colors. They have exceptionally large blooms. These strong growing lilacs bloom later in the season than other lilacs, thus escaping the spring frosts that may damage earlier blooming varieties. The plant spread is 6 to 8 feet. Please note: there are 34 other Preston Hybrids that can be tested!



1. Audrey - purple flowers
2. Coral - Pink (originated in 1937)
3. Donald Wyman - reddish purple (originated in 1944)
4. Handel - rose
5. Hiawatha - dark rose (originated in 1934)
6. Isabella - pink (originated in 1927)
7. James McFarlane - pink (originated in 1969)
8. Minuet - light purple (originated in 1972)
9. Miss Canada - pink (originated in 1967)
10. Red Wine - wine red (originated in 1936) highly recommended
11. Royalty - purple (originated in 1935) highly recommended
12. Valeria - mauve

Roses Worth Testing

Own root roses, rather than grafted roses are recommended. The major diseases found in the Interior are powdery mildew, rust and black spot. Spraying with lime and sulfur, copper sulphate, or any fungicide recommended for roses will alleviate these problems. Major rose pests for the Interior are aphids, caterpillars, cock chafers, rose chafer and garden chafer. The chafer beetles destroy the blossoms of other ornamentals and fruit-bearing shrubs, not just roses.

Recommended

1. 'William Baffin' - shrub rose, free flowering deep pink blooms with yellow center
2. 'Apart' - mauve blend, fragrant, 2 1/2 -foot height, up to 10-foot spread
3. 'Bell Poitevine' - semi-double pink, cream-colored stamens, 3- to 5-foot height
4. 'Blanc Double de Coubert' - double white, everblooming, 3- to 6-foot height
5. 'Charles Albanel' - red, fragrant, 15-inch height, 3-foot spread
6. 'Dave Thompson' - double pinkish crimson, everblooming, 3-foot height
7. 'Dart's Dash' - semi-double, reddish violet, ground cover; 3- to 6 -foot height

8. 'Hansa' - reddish violet, 4- to 6-foot height
9. 'Henry Hudson' - white, fragrant, repeat bloom, 3- to 4-foot height
10. 'Jens Munk' - double pink, dense, bushy, 3- to 5-foot height
11. 'Rugosa Magnifica' - double mauve, 4-foot height, spreading
12. 'Martin Frobisher' - double, light pink, repeat bloom, 4- to 5-foot height
13. 'Therese Bugnet' - double pink, fragrant, 3- to 6-foot height
12. 'Corylus' - single pink, fragrant, 3-foot height
15. 'Will Alderman' - double pink, everblooming, 4-foot height
16. 'Austrian copper' - yellow and copper single, 4- to 5-foot height
17. 'Persian Yellow' - semi-double yellow, 4- to 6-foot height
18. 'Hazeldean' - single yellow, 6-foot height
19. 'Rosa Glauca' - single pink, purple stems, 6-foot height

Roses That Are Not Recommended

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| 'Agnes' | 'Monte Cassino' |
| 'Applejack' | 'Morden Amorette' |
| 'Champlain' | 'Morden Centennial' |
| 'Elveshorn' | 'Pink Grootendorst' |
| 'F.J. Grootendorst' | 'Polestar' |
| 'F.J. Grootendorst Supreme' | 'Prairie Maid' |
| 'Lavender Friendship' | 'Prairie Youth' |
| 'Mont Blanc' | 'Sir Thomas Lipton' |
| 'Monte Rosa' | 'Two Sisters' |
| | 'Winnepeg Park' |

The GBG would like to add a few roses to Mr. Duffy's list. These outstanding shrub roses have proven very hardy at the boanical garden and are on display in the flower beds surrounding the statue in the flower display garden: 'Killwinning', 'LacMajeau', 'Lac LaNonne' and Scotch rose, *Rosa spinosissima* and *Rosa spinosissima* 'Altaica'.

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