



With the ban of cosmetic fungicides to control disease on roses, many cultivars have been discontinued. This article covers recent introductions and popular roses which are relatively disease resistant. Growers and nurseries provide rose lists with photos and descriptions on the Internet. Roses can be sourced at nurseries and by bare root ONLINE mail order. Bare root mail order plants are normally sent in the spring so orders must be placed in the fall.

For planting and care instructions refer to our file: **Growing Roses in Southern Ontario**

Features	Names
Native Roses	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Native roses offer pollen and nectar resources suited to our native bees and insects and food for wildlife. Here are two garden worthy native roses. <i>Smooth rose (Rosa blanda)</i> -shrub rose, pink fragrant flowers, rose hips for birds/wildlife, spreads via rhizomes, adapts to dry, rocky conditions <i>Swamp rose (Rosa palustris)</i> grows in damp places, large pink flower, rosehips for wildlife 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smooth rose (<i>Rosa blanda</i>) Swamp rose (<i>Rosa palustris</i>)
49th Parallel Roses developed at Vineland Research Station, Vineland Ontario	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shrubs 90cm to 150 cm (3 to 5 ft) Cold hardiness Black spot disease resistant Repeat bloomers Variety of colours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canadian Shield (red) Chinook Sunrise (coral) Aurora Borealis (sunset pink)
Knock Out Roses	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shrubs 90 to 120 cm (3 to 4 ft) Disease resistant Abundant bloomer Continuous bloomer Low maintenance Variety of colours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knockout (cherry red) Double Knock (cherry red) Blushing Knockout (light pink) Sunny Knockout (yellow to cream) White Knockout (white) Peachy Knockout (shell pink, yellow centre)
“Oso Easy” Roses	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shrubs 30 to 90 cm (1 to 3 ft) Disease Resistant Repeat Bloomers Low maintenance Variety of colours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cherry Pie (cherry red with white centre) Lemon Zest (yellow) Pink Cupcake (pink) Mango Salsa (ruby red / coral) Italian Ice (yellow, pink blend)



Parkland Roses developed in Morden Manitoba for Canadian winters

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shrubs 90 to 150 cm (3 to 5 ft) • Created to survive Canadian winters • Repeat bloomers • Low maintenance • Disease resistant • Variety of colours | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morden Blush (light pink/ivory) • Morden Centennial (light pink) • Morden Snowbeauty (white) • Winnipeg Parks (medium red) • Adelaide Hoodless (red) • Hope for Humanity (blood red) |
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Explorer Roses developed in Ottawa for Canadian winters

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shrubs and climbers 100 to 300 cm (3 to 9 ft) • Winter hardy • Repeat bloomers • Disease resistant • Low maintenance • Variety of colours | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jens Munk (medium pink) • Henry Hudson (pink) • David Thompson (mauve to red) • George Vancouver (red to pink) • Quadra (deep red) • John Cabot (soft red) • Henry Kelsey (red) |
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Artist Roses developed in BC - Named for Canadian Artists

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shrubs 100 to 150 cm (3 to 5 ft) • Winter hardy • Disease resistant • Low maintenance • Repeat bloomers • Variety of colours | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oscar Peterson (cream to white) • Emily Carr (rich red) • Felix LeClerc (pink) • Campfire (red, yellow, pink mix) • Bill Reid (yellow) |
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Hybrid Tea Roses - Varieties hybridized in Europe and North America

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90 to 150 cm (3 to 5 ft) • Susceptible to disease • Need extra winter protection • High maintenance • Variety of colours • Many varieties prone to disease so are now out of cultivation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peace (yellow to cream white) • Tropicana (coral) • Midas Touch (yellow) • Rainbow Niagara (orange pink blend) • Mister Lincoln (deep red) • Chicago Peace (deep pink) |
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Climbing Roses

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 200 to 400 cm (6 to 12 ft) • Require support • High maintenance • Susceptible to winter kill • Variety of colours | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golden Showers (yellow) • Gertrude Jekyll (pink) • Coral Dawn (mauve) • Blaze (red) |
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David Austin Roses - Developed in England

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90 to 150 cm (3 to 5 ft) • Hardy with some protection • Disease resistant • Low maintenance • Repeat bloomers • Variety of colours | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graham Thomas (deep yellow) • Fair Bianca (white) • Gertrude Jekyll (bright pink) • Golden Celebrations (deep yellow) • Winchester Cathedral (white) |
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Floribunda and Grandiflora Roses

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90 to 150 cm (3 to 5 ft) • Need winter protection • Prone to disease • High maintenance • Repeat bloomers • Variety of colours | <p>Floribundas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sexy Remy (pink) • Iceberg (white) • Julia Child (yellow) <p>Grandiflora</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Queen Elizabeth (pink) • Tournament of Roses (pink) |
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Old Fashion Roses

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90 to 150 cm (3 to 5 ft) • Hardy • Disease resistant • Repeat bloomers • Low maintenance • Variety of colours | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blanc Double de Coubert (white) • Hansa (reddish to purple) • The Fairy Rose (light pink) • Therese Burgnet Rose (pink) • F.J. Grootendorst (red) • Rugosa Shrub (pink) |
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Here's a selection of nurseries that sell roses. For more selections check out local growers listed below and on our map of nurseries in Ontario:

- [Map of nurseries in Ontario](#)
- Grobe Nursery & Garden Center grobennursery.com/newest_roses
- Palatine in Niagara-on-the-Lake www.palatineroses.com
- Glen Echo Nurseries <https://glenecho.com/plants/roses/>
- Sunshine Express Garden Centre <https://sunshine-express.ca/cgi-bin/product.cgi?cid=6>