

Catalogue of the National Plant Collection of:

## *Rosa persica* hybrids.

Including additional plants from Daniel Myhill's collection.



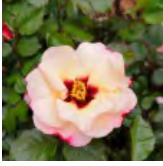
Daniel Myhill at RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival 2024 with his National Collection of *Rosa persica* hybrids.

Daniel Myhill cares for his National Collection of *Rosa persica* in his garden. His passion for roses has turned into a new career in breeding with David Austin.

*Rosa persica* hybrids have a distinctive red/purple eye; the collection centres on cultivars available in the UK, but also includes some from Europe and beyond. The roses are grown in both mixed borders, of roses with herbaceous perennials, and dedicated exhibition beds and pots.

## PLANT

## NOTES

**Rosa Alissar, Princess of Phoenicia ('Harsidon'<sup>PBR</sup>) (*persica* hybrid) (S)**

A 2009 Harkness Roses introduction. The creamy peach petals have a dark crimson red centre, but turn a glowing pink as the season progresses into late summer. Parentage of this hybrid includes 'The Times', 'Dublin Bay' and 'Bright Smile'.

**Rosa Angel Eyes ('Chewdelight'<sup>PBR</sup>) (*persica* hybrid) (S)**

Bred by Chris Warner, a rose breeder based in Shropshire and introduced in 2012. Pink petals with a fuchsia/magenta centre. Blooms in flushes through the season with a mild perfume. Hybrid parents are 'Lemon Couture' and 'Belting Pink'.

**Rosa Aria Babylon Eyes ('lpb126516') (*persica* hybrid)**

Bred by Interplant Roses, this rose has white petals with irregular hints of candy pink splashed across them and the dark red/pink centre typical of *persica* roses. Introduced by Gardening Express in 2022.

**Rosa Babylon Eyes Queen Pink ('Intereybabeuq') (*persica* hybrid) (S)**

Numerous multi-coloured flowers with 8-10 petals. Fuchsia-pink at the edges, cream nearer the center and a red heart. Forms a rounded shrub, with flowering beginning in May-June and repeating in waves until autumn. Bred by Robert IIsink of Interplant Nurseries in the Netherlands.

**Rosa Bravo Babylon Eyes ('B0699-14') (*persica* hybrid)**

Introduced in 2022 by Gardening Express but bred by Interplant Roses in the Netherlands. Mauve petals with darker pink centre and dark purple flecks. Flowers are typically single (4-8 petals) and form large clusters.

**Rosa Bright as a Button ('Chewsumsigns'<sup>PBR</sup>) (*persica* hybrid) (S)**

Introduced by Chris Warner, a rose breeder based in Shropshire this cultivar has dark pink open flowers with the darker red centre typical of *persica* roses. This cultivar arose from a seedling from the cross between SUMMER WINE 'KORizont' (maternal parent) and an unnamed seedling, paternal parent in June 2002.

**Rosa Catherine ('Mg15-37') (*persica* hybrid)**

The semi-double flowers have apricot tones on the inner petals, candy pink outer petals blushed with silver and an unusual red blotched center, darkening to a cerise pink with age. Moderate fragrance. Bred by Maurice Guest in the UK and introduced by Style Roses in 2021.

**Rosa Centre of Attention ('Weksaureref') (*persica* hybrid) (F)**



Bred by Tom Carruth of Weeks Roses, California, USA and introduced by C&K Jones to the UK in 2016 as 'Centre of Attention'. A double flowered persica rose, with pink petals and a slightly darker pink centre. Has a mild, sweet fragrance. Parentage includes 'Santa Claus', 'Queen Mother', 'Red Ribbons' and 'Eyes for You'.

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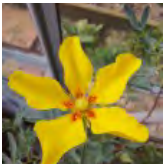
**Rosa Chawton Cottage ('Harzimlet') (*persica* hybrid)**



A 2019 Harness Roses introduction that forms a large plant 2.5 to 4m tall and up to 2m in width. Very pale pink flowers with a darker red centre and a mild fragrance.

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**Rosa 'Edward Hyams' (*persica* hybrid)**



Named for Edward Hyams, from whose garden this cultivar originates. Thought to be a 1st generation hybrid from plants he collected in the wild, possibly from Sharud in Iran. Edward Hyams (1910-1975) was a historian, novelist, writer, gardener and horticulturist and has also been described as an anarchist. He wrote over 90 books including Great Botanical Gardens of the World (1969) and The Story of England's Flora (1979). Has yellow, five-petalled flowers with a dark red central marking.

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**Rosa Euphrates ('Harunique') (*persica* hybrid)**



Forms a small plant up to 75cm tall and 75cm in width. The coral pink-petalled single flowers have a mild fragrance and a bold red eye marking. A single flush of flowers in summer. Bred by Jack Harkness of Harkness Roses in 1980.

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**Rosa Eye Candy ('Chewsumstar') (*persica* hybrid)**



Available from Pococks Roses in the UK, this Chris Warner bred rose has raspberry pink, single flowers which may turn peach in hot weather. Prominent yellow stamens makes it easy for foraging bees! Perfume is pleasant and reminiscent of peaches. A lower growing relative of For Your Eyes Only.

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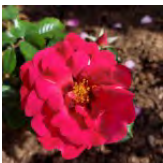
**Rosa Eye Do ('Dicbugleye') (*persica* hybrid)**



Bred by Dickson's Roses in 2015, this cultivar has 'Diccayman' as the seed parent and 'Chewroco' as the pollen parent. The flowers have 22 petals and typically reach 8cm in diameter and form clusters of 5 to 8 blooms. The petals are pinkish maturing to peach with a red eye.

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**Rosa Eye of the Storm ('Wekeots') (*persica* hybrid) (F)**



The semi-double flowers are a deep pink with a darker center and a mild fragrance. Blooms in flushes throughout the season. Bred by Weeks Roses of California, USA in 2017 and introduced to the UK by C&K Jones.

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**Rosa Eye of the Tiger ('Chewbullseye'<sup>PBR</sup>) (*persica* hybrid)**



The flower petals are light yellow with red flecks and orange shading, ageing to cream and have a mild fragrance. Blooms in flushes throughout the season.

It originated from a controlled cross conducted by Chris Warner in Newport, Shropshire in June 2006 between the varieties 'Belting Pink' as the female parent and 'Golden Age' as the male parent.

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**Rosa Eyes for You ('Pejbigeye') (*persica* hybrid) (F)**



Bred by Peter Joseph James of the West Midlands, UK in 2004 and introduced by C&K Jones in 2009 this cultivar has medium to large semi-double to double flowers with pink petals and a dark purple centre. The flowers have a mild to strong fragrance and a cupped (rather than open) bloom form. Arose from a cross between two unnamed seedlings, but possibly 'Blue for You' and 'CHEWtingle'.

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**Rosa Flame Babylon Eyes ('lpb027710') (*persica* hybrid)**



The single to semi-double flowers have a flat bloom form and are borne in flushes throughout the season. The petals are an orange/apricot colour with red flecks and copper shading, ageing to yellow. Bred by Interplant Roses before 2019 and introduced into UK cultivation by Gardening Express in 2022.

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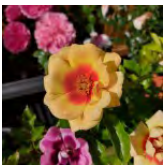
**Rosa For Your Eyes Only ('Cheweyesup'<sup>PBR</sup>) (*persica* hybrid) (S)**



Introduced by Chris Warner in 2015 from his own breeding programme, this salmon pink petalled, single flowered rose has a mild fragrance. The flower has a dark centre and ages to lavender. Parentage is 'Anna Ford' crossed with 'Belting Pink'. Will grow up to 90cm tall and 40cm wide.

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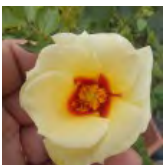
**Rosa Glorious Babylon Eyes ('Intereybabol') (*persica* hybrid)**



Bred by Robert IIsink of Interplant Roses in the Netherlands. Intorduced into the USA by Anthony Tesselaar as SWEET SPOT YELLOW. The petals are a light yellow with orange-red center and lighter edges. No significant fragrance. The flowers are small and single to semi-double, growing together in small clusters. Blooms in flushes throughout the season. Forms a short, compact and spreading plant.

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**Rosa Looking for Love ('Kenpopeye') (*persica* hybrid)**



Bred by David Kenny in Ireland, before 2019.

The petals of this cultivar are white with fuchsia/magenta flecks and a blush/purple center. Flowers are single and bloom in clusters. David Kenny is a retired school-teacher and has been breeding roses for many decades. He has won many international awards over his illustrious breeding career.

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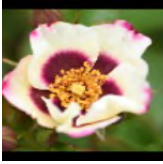
**Rosa Megan ('Foreyes') (*persica* hybrid) (F)**



Introduced to the UK in 2019 by Style Roses, this cultivar was bred by John Ford in New Zealand. The semi-double, mildly fragrant flowers are borne in small clusters. The petals are light pink with deep pink flecks. Blooms in flushes throughout the season.

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**Rosa Ol' Blue Eyes ('Wekyolovefoy') (*persica* hybrid) (F)**



This cultivar has creamy white flowers and a stunning purple eye. It was bred by Christian Bédard at Weeks Roses in California, USA in 2019 and introduced to the UK by C&K Jones.

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**Rosa Oops a Daisy ('Gues11-13') (*persica* hybrid) (F)**



This cream flowered rose cultivar was bred by Maurice Guest in 2011 and later introduced to the market by Style Roses in 2019. It has a mild fragrance and the petals age to even lighted in colour. Unfortunately prone to blackspot.

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**Rosa Orienta Aladdin (*persica* hybrid)**



A climbing rose, bred by Rosen Tantau. The first climber in the Orienta® series. Grows to 2-3m and is covered in pink pollen laden flowers. Medium fragrance and repeat-flowering.

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**Rosa Orienta Magnolia (*persica* hybrid)**



Described by the breeders Rosen Tantau as "hardy, healthy and with a vigorous growth habit". They recommend it particularly as a glorious hedge plant, which would be covered in flowers with a wonderful fragrance. The flowers are pale pink with a darker pink centre and abundant yellow stamen. It grows to 1.2m tall and has an arching growth habit.

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**Rosa Persian Mystery ('Hartroy') (*persica* hybrid)**



Introduced by Harkness Roses in 2009, this pink full-flowered cultivar has a mild fragrance and blooms in flushes through the season.

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**Rosa Persian Sun ('Vispersun') (*persica* hybrid)**



This orange-flowered cultivar was bred by Martin Vissers in Belgium in 2010 and introduced first in the Netherlands in 2015 by Jan Spek Rosen BV. Later introduced to the UK in 2022 by Newgate Nurseries.

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**Rosa Rising Sun ('FORsunny') (*persica* hybrid) (F)**



Bred by John Ford in New Zealand and introduced to the UK by Style Roses in 2020. The flowers have cream - yellow petals with fuchsia/magenta flecks and age to light pink. Has a mild fragrance and flowers in small clusters which bloom in flushes throughout the season. Forms a shrub to 1m tall.

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**Rosa See You in Rosé ('Korhulth 004') (*persica* hybrid) (F)**



SEE YOU® in Rosé was developed by Kordes Roses in Germany. It's UK launch, by Daniel Myhill (Plant Heritage National Collection Holder), was at the 2024 RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival. It's the first *persica* hybrid that Kordes have introduced into the UK, and won an award at the Belfast Rose Trials in 2023. It has a large, semi-double pale pink flower with a deep red eye, and unusually for *persicas*, is packed with fragrance. It will bloom continuously from June through to late autumn.

**Rosa Smiling Eyes ('Chewrocko'<sup>PBR</sup>) (*persica* hybrid) (S/GC)**



Can be used as a ground cover plant, this rose has light apricot coloured single flowers with yellow undertones and a darker pink center. Bred by Chris Warner, rose breeder based in Shropshire. Parents are 'Belting Pink' and 'Rainbow Knock Out'. Good disease tolerance and very thorny!

**Rosa Sweet Spot Calypso [syn. Sunshine Babylon Eyes] ('Intereybabnus') (*persica* hybrid)**



Bred by Robert IIsink at Interplant Roses in the Netherlands in 2006. Both parents are unnamed seedlings ('B407-03' and 'B213-04') from the Interplant breeding programme. Was first sold in the UK in 2015 (by Thompson & Morgan) as SWEET SPOT CALYPSO. Introduced in France by Pépinières Minier in 2012 as 'Sunshine Babylon Eyes'. Single flowers are a strong pink/red with pale yellow edges.

**Rosa The Bees Knees ('Guesbehold') (*persica* hybrid) (F)**



This Maurice Guest bred cultivar has semi-double yellow flowers which age to white, with orange/pink flecks and a dark centre. Has an upright but spreading growth habit reaching 1.2m in height and 1.5m in width. Minimal fragrance. Introduced to UK trade by Style Roses in 2016.

**Rosa The Harper-Scott Rose ('Dicscotteye') (*persica* hybrid)**



This rose, bred by Dickson Roses before 2022, was named to celebrate the engagement of Stephen Harper-Scott, to Joy. The semi-double flowers have light pink petals with deep pink flecks and a mild to moderate fragrance. Blooms in flushes through the season.

**Rosa The Sun and The Heart ('Hartyre') (*persica* hybrid)**



This cultivar was introduced in the UK by Harkness Roses in 2009. The double flower has many pale yellow to buff coloured petals with a more or less hidden crimson centre. Will grow to 60cm x 60cm.

**Rosa This Morning ('Harzephyr') (*persica* hybrid) (S)**



A 2018 introduction by Harkness Roses with pink petals in a single flower form. Forms a shrub up to 1m in height and 1m in width.

**Rosa Tigris ('Harprier') (*persica* hybrid) (S)**



Bred by Harkness Roses and introduced into the UK nursery trade in 1985. This cultivar has small, double flowers in a rosette bloom form. The petals are yellow with a red centre and it has no fragrance. It occasionally repeat flowers later in the season.

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**Rosa Your Lovely Eyes ('Weknecflopats') (*persica* hybrid)**



This cultivar was introduced into the UK by C&K Jones but bred by Christian Bédard of Weeks Roses in California, USA. The flower petals are rose-pink with lemon-yellow undertones and red flecks. They have a mild, tea rose fragrance. The small flowers bloom in flushes throughout the season.

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