

Plants on Display



Botanical name: *Rosa chinensis*
“Viridiflora”

Common name: Green Rose

Origin: China (before 1800)

Family: Rosaceae

Size: 60-120cm x 60- 90cm

Habit: Tidy shrub

Flowers: Apple green, shading to an attractive bronze/coppery colour with an unroselike tufted shape. All floral parts with the exception of the sepals have been replaced by leaflike structures. It has a light spicy, peppery fragrance. The average bloom size is 5cm.

Foliage: Bright green with a hint of red in young leaves.

Climate: Tropical to warm temperate. Not hardy in cooler climates

Aspect: Full Sun. Shade tolerant.

Soil: Well drained humus rich soil.

Cultivation: Good in pots or in garden beds. Fertilise with an organic fertiliser in spring.

Prune: In winter to maintain shape.



NOTE:

- Believed to be a sport of “Old Blush China” where flower parts have become leafy structures. It is genetically identical to “Old Blush China.”
- Discovered by John Smith (USA circa 1827). Introduced in:
 - UK around 1856 by Bembrigde & Harrison.
 - France by Guillot/Roseaies Pierre Guillot in 1885 as “Rosa viridiflora”
- Originally in China it was said to be forbidden for it to be grown outside the Forbidden City. Literally the sole property of the emperors.
- May be rather insignificant in the garden, although useful in flora arrangements.
- **Further information about the genetics of this rose can be found on:**

Propagation: This rose is asexual so does not produce pollen or hips therefore it cannot be used for hybridizing. So propagation only by cuttings.

Drought/Frost: Fairly drought resistant. No frost tolerant.

Pests/Diseases: Good disease resistance.

- <https://blog.adonline.id.au/the-green-rose/>

Source:

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