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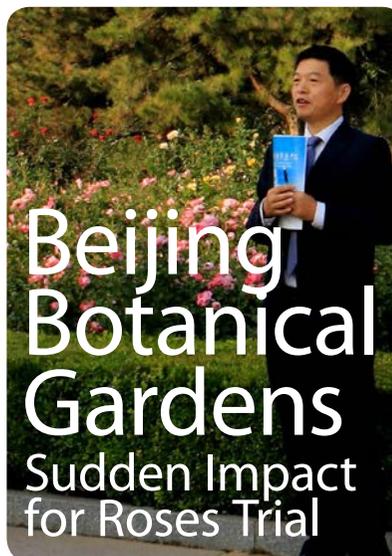
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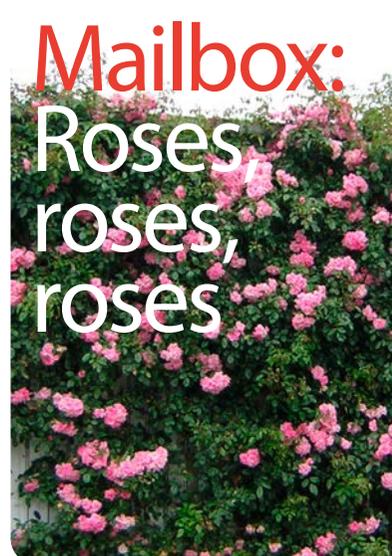
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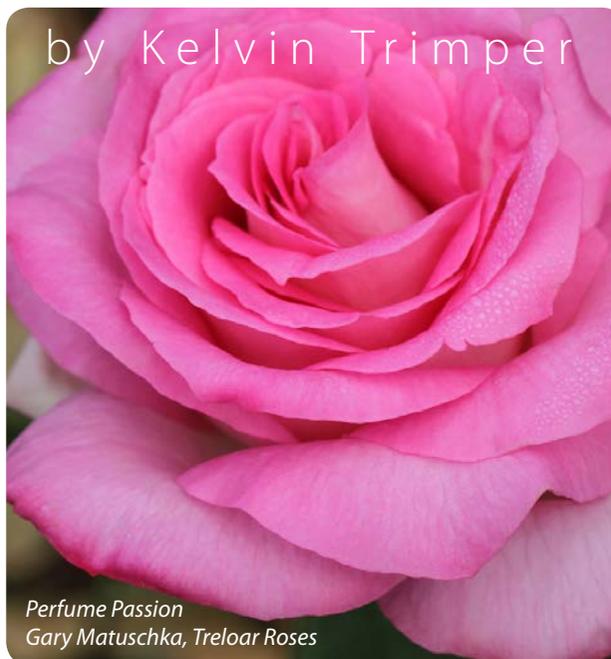
Perfumed Roses for Your Garden



Addictive Lure
Treloar Roses

The scent of roses has been and continues to be one of the most studied characteristics of roses by scientists, perfumers and rose breeders. The perfume generally comes from oil glands on the petals and its strength, particularly in old fashioned roses, tends to increase as the petal count increases. In a few roses, the aromas come from the stamens.

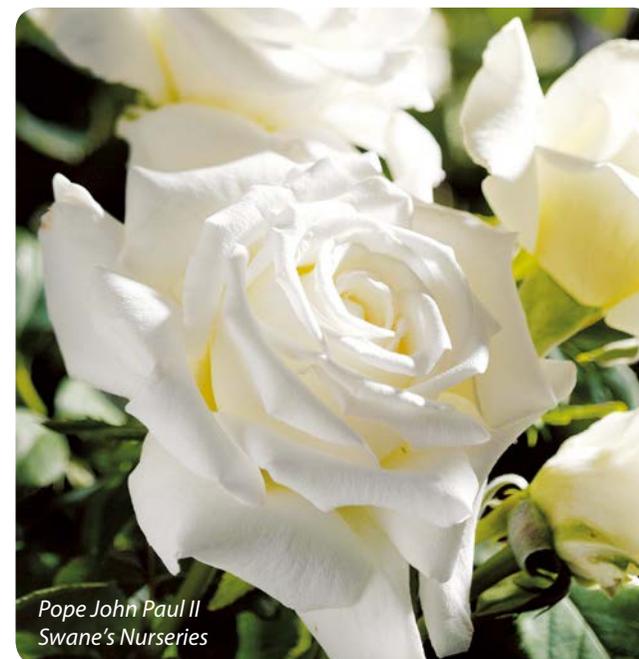
Scientists have discovered five main fragrance groups in roses. These combine in different ways to produce a complex array of aromas and each rose's perfume is unique. In fact, they have a far greater range than is to be found in any other kind of flower.



Perfume Passion
Gary Matuschka, Treloar Roses

A rose with a strong fragrance generally does not have a long vase life when picked. This is why not many cut flower, glasshouse grown roses have perfume. Similarly, perfumed roses are generally not resistant to fungal diseases such as black spot and mildew. However, there are exceptions and current rose breeders are seeking to breed the perfect rose – one with perfume, disease resistance and a long vase life when picked.

English Rose Breeder, David C. H. Austin realised his vision of hybridizing a new kind of rose crossing modern Hybrid Tea and Floribunda Roses, such as the tough, ever-flowering 'Iceberg' with the Old Garden Roses leading to



Pope John Paul II
Swane's Nurseries

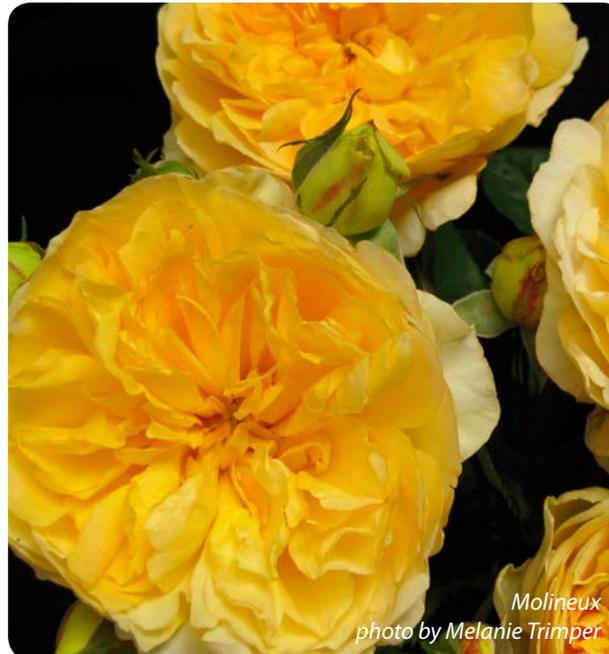
the creation of Austin English Shrub Roses - renowned for their strong perfume, repeat flowering ability, improved disease resistance and range of colours. Although his early releases from the 1970s and 1980s had mixed results, over the past two decades he has produced some great roses – very fragrant, repeat flowering and disease resistant with a reasonable vase life. Austin's efforts are now being emulated by most of the world's foremost rose breeding companies.

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Just Joey
photo by Les Krake



Molineux
photo by Melanie Trimper



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So, what are a few varieties that have strong perfume, repeat flowering ability, a good vase life when picked and are relatively disease resistant?

The group can be split into three.

Old favourites -

roses that have strong perfume and continue to be popular, decades after their initial release. Years ago, this group certainly set the standard for wonderful fragrance.

Mister Lincoln
Papa Meiland
Queen Elizabeth
Double Delight
Just Joey
Angel Face

Modern Shrub Roses -

comprising both David Austin Roses and some look-alikes which now feature in most rose breeders' catalogues.

Black Caviar
Addictive Lure
Ambridge Rose
Munstead Wood
Molineux
Evelyn

New Releases -

introduced in the last decade which highlight renewed enthusiasm for modern, tough, perfumed roses.

Pope John Paul II
Perfume Passion
Heaven Scent
Fire Fighter

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As you plan the roses you will plant bare rooted this winter, you may like to consider adding one or more of these perfumed varieties to the mix.

Beijing Botanical Gardens trials Sudden Impact for Roses



Interest in our unique products and relationships with Rose Societies overseas continue to grow. Most recently Sudden Impact for Roses was trialled at the Beijing Botanical Gardens in China. Director, Dr. Shiwei Zhao, has reported that the initial trial was a success, leading to further product being sent for an extension of the trial this season across a larger area.

The Rose Garden at the Beijing Botanical Garden was built in 1993 and is the largest rose garden in the north of China. It has a collection of 53,300 plants and 1598 cultivars.

Presented with the World Federation of Rose Societies Award of Garden Excellence in 2015, the Rose Garden will be visited this month by rose lovers from around the world when the China Rose Society hosts the World Federation of Rose Societies Asian Regional Convention and the 14th International Heritage Roses Conference. 



Photos provided by Dr. Shiwei Zhao



Dr. Shiwei Zhao, Director, Beijing Botanical Gardens in China.

"Native plants are great survivors in the garden but to get them to thrive and reach their full spectacular potential they really need regular fertilising."



BUSH TUCKER NOW AVAILABLE!

We are continuing to receive positive reports from those who have been trialling Bush Tucker in their own gardens.

This feedback from Anthony Grassi was recently passed on to us by Sandra Ross of the Garden Clinic.

"Thank you for the big bag of Bush Tucker you gave me to trial after the Garden Class at the clubhouse on the 5th December 2015.

The very next day I spread this food on all our native plants in our garden. We have a hedge of 12 lily pillys (Backyard Bliss) along our back boundary that have struggled for about 2 years. They were planted from 100 1 litre black bags (about 2.2m tall) as we wanted an instant screen due to an extension our neighbours built. The soil was very poor so I imported about 4 cubic metres of native mix to build up the garden bed, installed a sprinkler system, mulched them, and was confident it would go ahead straight away, but for some reason the growth stalled. I'm not sure if it was coincidence or the Bush Tucker, but after application (about 1-2 months) I noticed some fresh strong growth. Our other hedge

of lily pillys (Cherry Surprise), also responded soon after application of Bush Tucker.

We also have two established grafted Eucalyptus (the Summer Series), one bright orange and 1 bright pink that have always performed very well. After a dose of Bush Tucker they seemed to look even better. In fact, I was checking them out today and pleasantly surprised when I saw a second flush of flowers and more buds on the way.

Thanks again for the opportunity to test run this wonderful native food. I will be quite happy to recommend this native food to all gardeners that have native plants in their gardens and will also be using it myself."

Bush Tucker for native plants is now available in selected nurseries, garden centres and hardware stores. Read more about Bush Tucker [here](#).

Angus Stewart and Simon Leake have recently completed their Bush Tucker trials. Stay tuned for a summary of their results in our next e-feedback edition.



Developed in conjunction with native plant expert Angus Stewart and soil scientist Simon Leake



Angus Stewart's favourite Autumn to Winter flowering Australian natives

Dwarf banksias are tailor-made for pot culture in courtyards and patios. These shrubs perform best in full sun to part shade and will live for many years.

Banksia spinulosa 'Birthday Candles' is perhaps the best known of the new breed of banksias and has a bicoloured flower head with mauve styles contrasting nicely with the yellowish floral tube. Its nectar-filled blooms will attract various birds such as the delicate honeyeaters and spinebills. Apart from the removal of spent flower heads in spring there is virtually no maintenance required for this and other dwarf banksia cultivars. With all banksias it is important to keep phosphorus levels low and ensure a well drained growing medium to minimise the possibility of root rot.

There is a host of other wonderful dwarf banksias available from a wide range of species so it is possible to find a species that will suit most climatic zones of Australia.



Banksia spinulosa
'Birthday Candles'

As a gardening presenter, native expert and native plant breeder, Angus Stewart is often asked about his favourite plants. Here are a few of his favourite flowering natives that will add a splash of colour to your garden at this time of the year.

Croweas have beautiful waxy star-like flowers that last particularly well on the plant as the petals hang on long after the flower has been pollinated. Bindelong Compact is a very low growing plant with masses of small pink flowers. Crowea Festival is a cultivar that has been around for many years and is a proven performer. Southern Star is a relatively new cultivar that has fine dark green foliage that complements the bright pink flowers that continue for several months. Low Dome is a compact variety which naturally forms a domed bush.

A light haircut after flowering will help Croweas to bush up during spring and summer, ensuring a spectacular flower display for the following season. A handful of slow release fertiliser at pruning time will greatly assist this process as well.



Crowea exalata
'Low Dome'

Correas are low growing shrubs that feature beautiful pendulous, bell-shaped flowers in a range of colours. The tubular flowers are designed for bird pollination, so you can expect regular visits from several species of nectar feeding birds while they are in flower. Correas are reliable growers that thrive in dappled light and will benefit from tip pruning while they are young. Correa Federation Bell is a spectacular new cultivar that has bicoloured red and green flowers that appear for several months through autumn and winter.

Crowea and Correa both belong to the Citrus family, Rutaceae which means they have interesting scented foliage which complements the striking autumn/winter floral displays. Growing requirements and maintenance is identical making these two genera ideal garden companions.



Correa
'Federation Belle'

Lechenaultias are one of Australia's most colourful plants, coming in a rainbow of almost fluorescent shades. They belong to the same family as the fan flowers (Scaevola) and have a similar ground covering to mounding habit that is ideal for container growing, especially hanging baskets. Coming from the sandy soils of south western Western Australia these plants are somewhat particular about growing conditions, requiring a freely draining medium and a low humidity in summer. Even though they are perennials, in the more humid climates of Australia it is perhaps best to consider them as annuals. If and when they start to look untidy they can be readily propagated from tip cuttings to provide a fresh start. **N**

This is an edited version of the article by Angus Stewart, with images from the website 'Gardening With Angus'.
www.gardeningwithangus.com.au



Lechenaultia biloba -
blue lechenaultia



The Little Sprouts Kitchen Garden Visiting Program turns one this month! The new Kitchen Garden is part of the Adelaide Botanic Garden and hosted the first group of children in May 2015. The Kitchen Garden showcases the benefits of growing fresh, healthy produce to the whole community, instilling healthy habits from a young age.



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The visiting program has been designed to align with the National Early Years Learning Framework and provides children aged three to six years with hands on experiences in an engaging outdoor learning environment. Sessions are led by a qualified Kitchen Garden Educator and children undertake activities that utilise play and exploration, exciting their natural sense of wonder and stimulating all the senses. More than 3,600 children have visited Little Sprouts this past year, experiencing hands on gardening and learning where their food comes from before it hits supermarket shelves. The staff and volunteers have had a huge amount of positive feedback from schools and preschools in their first year - not only from the visit itself but also later,

Little Sprouts Kitchen Garden



following up with what the students have been producing from their harvested plants – beetroot dip, red cabbage coleslaw and even kale chips.

Horticultural Curator, Pip Robinson, uses Seamungus when preparing beds each season and has been busy planting in preparation for the winter crops. Along with the usual brassicas and leafy greens, this winter there are two new garden beds planted out with Chinese vegies including bok choy and Chinese broccoli. **GOGO Juice** is applied monthly to all soil and plants and each quarter **Gyganic** is applied.

When asked how the gardens were performing Pip said,

"I guess for me what I would like to say is what all other Horticulturalists will tell you.soil, soil, soil is so important. This has been my number one focus over the past 12+ months.

We had new soil brought in and although it was of good quality it needed improving like all soils do. I have noticed a big change in the soil and the structure is improving and I believe this is attributed to the application of the Neutrog products, especially the GOGO Juice in conjunction with compost and mulch.

The plants have been looking healthy, strong and have produced an abundance of produce and I was very impressed at how well the plants coped through the heat of summer."

Bumper crops have been harvested from the garden lately. Herbs have been turned into pesto, Moon and Stars Watermelons used for mint and watermelon smoothies and pumpkins transformed into fritters during Adelaide Botanic Garden's recent School Holiday Program. Excess harvest has been donated to [Foodbank](#) or added to the Botanic Gardens Restaurant menu. For example, Chef Paul Baker turned the recent harvest of over 30 kilograms of Jerusalem Artichokes into ice cream, parfait and even a tiramisu!

The garden is constantly changing and the general public are welcome to visit when sessions are not being held.

Stay up-to-date by subscribing to the [Little Sprouts Kitchen Garden newsletter](#) and blog or even consider becoming a volunteer. **N**

For more information on the Little Sprouts Kitchen Garden Visiting Program go to the [Botanic Gardens of South Australia website](#).



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Tina from South Australia was given a sample of Sudden Impact for Lawns at a meeting of the Australian Rhododendron Society – SA branch and sent us this photo via email. "Hello Neutrog. Look at what has happened to my ailing sago palm courtesy of Sudden Impact for Lawns!! It is now very happy."

Rose Society SA Members Lyn & Mike from Meadows in South Australia, sent us these stunning photos of their rose garden with this note....

"I thought you might like to see some of the results of Sudden Impact for Roses in our garden. It's a great product! The garden was originally the old 'Rose Meadow' nursery. After several years of tenants living on the property it was all very overgrown and neglected when we moved in, so it has been a real labour of love to get it back to its original condition. Sudden Impact for Roses has played a great part in that. It's a lot less smelly and a much quicker application than the truckloads of poultry manure we put on the beds when we first moved in. The poultry manure was important in helping to re-condition the soil but I'm pleased that I no longer need to shovel mountains of poop!

I've been GOGO Juicing my pots and bulbs for the last couple of weeks, and hope to see some great results from that, too. We love your products!"

We'd love to hear of your gardening successes. Send your comments for us to share with other gardeners. Photos welcome!
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Photo by Les Johnson.

2016 National Rose Trial Garden People's Choice Awards

A public judging event is held each year at the National Rose Trial Garden within the Adelaide Botanic Gardens.

Members of the general public are encouraged to visit the Trial Gardens to cast their votes for their most favoured roses and view those new roses most likely to be released in the coming seasons. The voting results provide an excellent insight for rose breeders, rose growers and retailers as to the types of roses which are most popular with the public.

The People's Choice Awards for 2016 were held recently and the event was a huge success with an increase in visitors and the number of votes up by 60%. The winning rose was #24 - a yellow/pink blend Hybrid Tea, bred by Roses Guillot, France and submitted by Knight's Roses, Gawler South Australia.

We look forward to seeing this rose named and released in years to come. For more information on the National Rose Trial Garden visit the [website](#).

Garden groundwork in Autumn



Year round fertilising for year round health

Like humans and animals, plants require regular feeding throughout the year – at least once in each season.

Happy, healthy, well nourished plants are more resistant to pests, diseases, heat stress and frost.

Vegetables & Herbs:

Prepare garden beds for autumn planting using *Rooster Booster* or *Seamungus* at 100gm per sq metre. Once planted, follow up with *GOGO Juice* as it has a wonderful synergy with organic matter - the beneficial bacteria in *GOGO Juice* digests this making the nutrients available to the plants. Now is the time to plant Broad beans, Beetroot, Cabbage, Carrot, Spinach, Leek, Onion, Parsnip and Swede.

Flowering Plants:

Camellia sasanqua are now in flower – keep them healthy with an application of *Seamungus*. Feed your Camellia japonica with *Kahoona*, as now is the time they are setting their buds ready for winter flowering. Feed hellebores as they prepare for winter flowering – *Sudden Impact for Roses* is ideal. Protect new water shoots and remove any suckers on rose bushes. Regularly remove spent blooms and apply *Sudden Impact for Roses* every 6-8 weeks - you'll enjoy lots of autumn flowers and have healthy plants once winter arrives. Consider what you would like to plant this winter and order bare-rooted roses and bulbs now. Prepare new beds by digging through *Seamungus* and compost. Place your orchids in a sunnier position as the weather cools down and feed with *Strike Back for Orchids* pellets or liquid.

Composting:

Collect autumn leaves and add them to your compost heap. Apply *GOGO Juice* as it assists in breaking the compost down beautifully.

Fruit Trees:

Established citrus trees will benefit from a good application of *Gyganic for Fruit and Citrus* now. Apply to pre-soaked soil at 100g per tree, increasing with size to a maximum of 500g for very large trees. Spread right out to the edge of the dripline and water in well. Citrus grown in containers require less. Avoid contact with the foliage and water in well. Keep the rest of your fruit trees happy as they prepare to shut down for winter by applying *Rapid Raiser* together with *GOGO Juice* for best results.

Natives:

Check if they need a tidy and light trim and feed with *Bush Tucker*.

Lawns:

Check if your lawn appears compacted. If so, aerate with a fork or lawn aerator. Apply *Sudden Impact for Lawns* or *Blade Runner* and water deeply for amazing results.

Hedges, Ferns, Palms & Conifers:

Apply *Sudden Impact for Lawns* to all non-flowering plants as the ratio of nitrogen and potassium is ideal for promoting growth. Trim hedges and apply *Sudden Impact for Lawns* at 50gms per sqm.

Now is the time to take cuttings of hardwood plants, succulents, fuchsias etc. Dip cuttings into diluted *GOGO Juice* or add it to your propagating mix to stimulate growth.



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