

Ballerina

Most of us know 'Ballerina' as it is a favorite of most rosarians given its dainty flowers, nonstop bloom and multiple awards on the exhibition table with an incredible American Rose Society rating of 8.5. This rose is a single flowered one with five petals shading from the pink bud to open white/pink and healthy mid-green foliage. The bush is of a rounded habit growing to three feet and can be planted as a shrub, hedge or on its own, but it can be pruned and kept to a manageable size.

The parentage is actually unknown, but the flowers resemble the climber 'Blush Rambler' that is often found in old gardens (however that rose has a double bloom). The Combined Rose List identifies it as a hybrid musk, of a medium pink, however most flowers are white or light pink with a darker pink reverse once opened. This rose was introduced by Bentall of UK in 1937. It was also awarded the Royal Horticultural Society Award of Garden Merit in 1993.

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