

Flamingo



My story with Flamingo begins with a trip to the Portland area and a visit to Joy Creek Nursery, a nursery that specializes in clematis. We had been to Heirloom Roses in St Paul, a must stop for any rose lover if you are in the area, and had purchased more roses than we needed, now on to look at clematis. They have an extensive display garden with many clematis blooming and on the path over there we passed a large rose bush covered with floppy, pink, fragrant, single blooms. The nametag said Flamingo, nothing else. We chose several clematis to buy and Sandy asked about Flamingo and did they have any for sale. They just happened to have one left, so we added to our rose collection and our car was quickly turning into a traveling garden. When we travel we stop at nurseries and usually fill the car and empty the wallet.

When we arrived home, we needed to find out more about Flamingo. When going to <http://www.helpmefind.com/rose/plants.php>, there are ten roses named Flamingo. On reading the descriptions it was decided we had the hybrid rugosa introduced in 1956 and bred by Frederick Huber Howard. Help me find gives this description:

Hybrid Rugosa. Pink. Strong fragrance. Single (4-8 petals) bloom form. Occasional repeat later in the season. USDA zone 6b through 9b (default). Height of 3' to 4' (90 to 120 cm). Width of 3' to 4' (90 to 120 cm). Frederick Huber Howard (1956).

Now to decide where to plant it, we knew from seeing the plant in the garden in Portland that it got bigger than the description of three to four feet, the one we had seen was about 6 feet. We gave it a lot of room and it fulfilled those plans. Our plant is about 6 feet high and across. It is a joy in the garden and so very fragrant, that spicy, rosy fragrance, my favorite. We like it so much we have planted another one in the front yard. It blooms a lot although the blooms don't stand up to the heat very well it is still worth growing. If you go out early, the blooms are beautiful and don't forget to take a deep sniff and enjoy the fragrance. It starts easily from cuttings and we have done several.

Flamingo is available commercially from Rogue Valley Roses in Medford, Oregon and in my opinion, well worth growing if you have some room for a bigger rose.