

# 'DUCHESS DE BRABANT' ROSE

*Rosa*



## Characteristics

- Type: Shrub
- Zone: 7-9
- Height: 6'
- Spread: 4'
- Bloom colors: rosy pink
- Bloom time: May to frost
- Flower: Very full, fragrant, large cabbage-like blossoms
- Sun: Full Sun
- Water: Average
- Maintenance: Allow for good air circulation.
- Earth-Kind®

## Culture

Elegantly cupped fragrant rose-pink flowers are produced non-stop throughout the growing season on this floriferous and disease resistant tea rose. 'Duchesse de Brabant' has an upright to vase shaped habit and makes an excellent specimen or use it in mass or as a hedge to wonderful effect. Another Earth-Kind® rose selected by the Texas AgriLife Extension service for its reliability, disease resistance, and flower power. This rose requires adequate spacing for optimum growth and bloom. It makes a great specimen plant in the perennial border or plant 3 or 5 plants in a group in special locations. Avoid overcrowded, damp or closed-in areas. Water thoroughly whenever the soil is dry. Mulch to maintain the 3-inch layer.

## Noteworthy Characteristics

Earth-Kind® tea rose. Earth-Kind® is a special designation given to select rose cultivars by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service through the Earth-Kind landscaping program. It is based on the results of extensive research and field trials and is awarded only to those roses demonstrating superior pest tolerance, combined with outstanding landscape performance. Earth-Kind roses do well in a variety of soil types, ranging from well-drained acid sands to poorly aerated, highly alkaline clays. Once established, these select cultivars also have excellent heat and drought tolerance. The use of Earth-Kind® roses provides the opportunity to enjoy these wonderful flowering plants while limiting the use of fertilizers, pesticides, and water. These sustainable practices are excellent examples of how Earth-Kind landscaping is working to preserve and protect our natural resources and the environment.

This large, fragrant rose named for the Duke of Brabant of Belgium was introduced in France by Bernede in 1857. President Theodore Roosevelt often wore a blossom from Duchesse de Brabant in his lapel.

## Problems

Watch for powdery mildew

## Garden Uses

Like so many of the old roses, Duchesse De Brabant works well as a stand-alone specimen, providing a useful accent in a perennial border. Adequate spacing is required for this selection to maintain optimum growth and flowering.