Rugosa Rose

Rosa rugosa
Blooming dates:

early summer to late fall

Also known as the beach rose or wrinkled rose, rugosa rose is a fragrant flowering shrub native to eastern Asia.

The shrubs have dark green leaves and blossoms with wrinkled petals that range in color from white to dark pink. These blossoms appear in late summer and persist until the first frost in late fall.

Rugosa rose shrubs also produce fruit called rose hips, which resemble cherry tomatoes and can be made into sweet jams. Because rugosa rose is very hardy, especially against salt spray, it often grows in sandy soil and on coast lines. Its hardiness also makes it an effective hedge against wildlife and a great windbreaker for cultivated gardens.

