



ROSA ALBÉRIC BARBIER

Fam. Rosaceae

DESCRIPTION

Ornamental shrub.

HABITAT

A hybrid species bred for the first time in France in 1900, by crossing *Rosa wichuraiana* with the yellow hybrid tea "Shirley Hibberd".

DISTRIBUTION

Grows in gardens and parks all over Europe. Does well in sunny settings, on terraces and balconies, but as a climber it can also cover walls or fences. Shade-tolerant, it withstands temperatures as low as -15°C.

FLOWERS

The apricot-yellow buds open into medium-sized cream-coloured flowers with a pale yellow centre quickly fading to white. The flowers are semi-double and globular, appearing in small clusters or singly. Moderate fragrance of green apple and tea rose. Generous blooms that sometimes repeat later in the season, flowering throughout May until mid-June.

LEAVES

Small, dark green and glossy (a typical characteristic of *wichuraiana* hybrids), forming an attractive contrast with the pale flowers. The young shoots are red, almost without thorns.

FRUITS

Oval, globular.

STEM

Vigorous with few thorns. If the branches are not trained when still flexible, they will trail on the ground.

INTERESTING FACTS

This rose won the Royal Horticultural Society's Award of Garden Merit in 1993.

ROOTS

Robust, woody rootstock.

