

# **Ritchie**

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### **Apricot Drift® Rose**

***Rosa 'Meimirrote'***

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Group/Class: Groundcover Rose

#### **Description:**

This variety is a compact spreading groundcover rose producing beautiful apricot double blooms throughout the season; foliage is deep green and provides great contrast; its spreading habit makes it perfect as a full sun groundcover foundation planting

#### **Ornamental Features**

Apricot Drift Rose features showy peach flowers with gold eyes at the ends of the branches from mid spring to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The oval compound leaves do not develop any appreciable fall colour.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Apricot Drift Rose is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting bees to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.



*Apricot Drift Rose flowers*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



*Apricot Drift Rose in bloom*  
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Apricot Drift Rose is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

### **Planting & Growing**

Apricot Drift Rose will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Apricot Drift Rose makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.

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