

## **Roses in the Shade**

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'Knock Out' rose and several sports of 'Knock Out' which have debuted since its 2000 All-America Rose Selections Award feature an almost incredible combination of hardiness, adaptability, drought tolerance, pest and disease resistance and long and bright bloom.

Now 'Knock Out' has been discovered to possess another virtue. Rosarians are reporting that it 9s among the most shade tolerant of all roses. Unlike the great majority of roses which need at least six hours of sun daily to perform their best, the 'Knock Out' roses put on an excellent show with one-third this daily ration of sunlight.

Rated second to 'Knock Out' for shade tolerance is the orange-red floribunda 'Playboy'. This is followed in descending order by the always-popular 'Carefree Wonder', pink hybrid musk 'Ballerina 1937', and a dense-growing new salmon floribunda, "Passionate Kisses". Doing well with a little more sun are tangerine floribunda 'Marmalade Skies', non-fading white 'Ice Meidiland', fragrant English roses 'Mary Rose' and 'Fair Bianca', the popular groundcovering 'Seafoam', hybrid rugosa 'F. J. Grootendorst', mounding 'Iceberg', everblooming 'Gruse an Auchen', and climbers 'Zephyrine Drouhin', 'Eden Climber', 'New Dawn' and 'Golden Showers'.

Flowers of pale colors especially benefit from some shade, having improved color with no burning and lasting longer. Successful shade growers advise panting in enriched soil and supplying extra moisture and fertilizer where roots are encroaching in the rose area.