

Ducher China Rose

Rosa chinensis Ducher

Bred in Lyon, France, by Jean-Claude Ducher in the year 1869, Ducher, pronounced “doo-shay”, is one of a very few white China roses. The Ducher family bred many lovely roses over a lengthy period and this modest rose is the one they chose of bear their family name. Petals of the medium size blooms are pure white though the light reflected often takes on a creamy color. The double blooms have a fruity fragrance. The compact and rounded, twiggy bush is a nice landscape shrub either as a specimen plant or in a drift of 3 to 5 plants. The soft fullness of the foliage and showy flowers make this an excellent choice to blend with more structured shrubs in a landscape. Ducher tolerates heat, sun and various soil conditions.

Type: medium shrub

USDA hardiness zones: 6 through 9

Uses: landscape plant, works well in a large pot

Origin: not native to Florida

Height: 6 to 8 feet **Spread:** 6 to 8 feet

Plant spacing: 6 to 12 feet

Light requirement: Full sun

Soil tolerances: Tolerates a wide variety of humus enriched, well-drained soils from sandy loam to clay loam

Drought tolerance: excellent heat and drought tolerance

Soil salt tolerances: unknown

Invasive potential: non-invasive

Pest resistance: roses are bug and disease resistant with a moderate amount of care.

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