

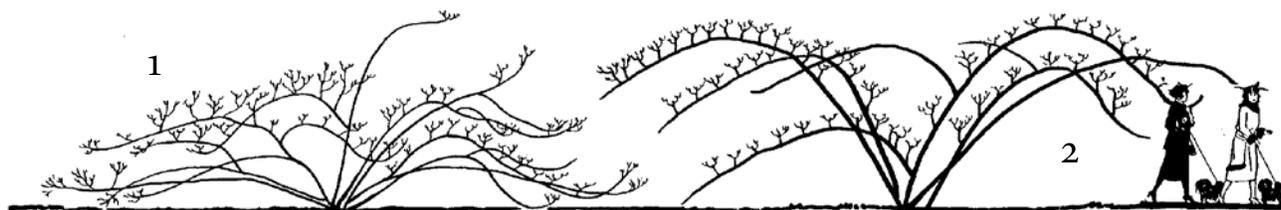
Climbing Polyanthas

Contributing to the great array of climbers available today, these offer choices today's gardeners rarely see: excellent foliage, good rebloom and the charming clustering and small flowers that mark the Polys. Some of these might well be placed among the Hybrid Musks, considering their habits of growth, fragrance and manner of blooming, as well as their ancestry.

Habit

The climbing Polyanthas are simply divided by habit into two groups.

1. (E.g., PHYLIS BIDE) Those that produce a multitude of long lithe canes and bloom all over.
2. (E.g., CLIMBING ORANGE TRIUMPH) Those that tend to send up long, climbing canes from which flowering laterals are produced, often proving to be less remontant than the first group.



BLUSHING LUCY*

PolCl rr/fff/1 A. H. Williams, 1938 [Heirloom]
This fits much better with the Climbing Polyanthas, it has so much of *R. wichurana* and *R. multiflora* stamped on it and reblooms beautifully. We had classed previously with the LClS. Flowers are small, cupped, blush pink which deepens at the edges, and they open to reveal golden stamens.

CAROLYN DEAN—*Missing from our collection.*

CÉCILE BRUNNER, CLIMBING

PolCl r/fff/2 Hosp, 1894 [Moore]
Very large and aggressive climbing sport of the old SWEET-HEART ROSE which we love for its intense and pervasive fragrance. Little rebloom.

CHINA DOLL, CLIMBING*

[WEeping CHINA DOLL]
PolCl rrr/f/1 Weeks, 1977 [Temple]
Climbing sport from CHINA DOLL of a rather modest growth, this would make a lovely “postbox” pillar rose, or drape handsomely along a picket fence. Blowzy double flowers of cerise pink to rose pink, white at the petal bases.

CLOTILDE SOUPERT, CLIMBING

PolCl rr/fff/2 Soupert et Notting, 1902 [ARE]
A very vigorous climbing form of the bush, which will quickly cover a small shed or garage, making an abundance of the blush to lilac pink rosettes. Canes are long but light. A poor rebloomer, and more likely to mildew than the shrub.

COCKTAIL

PolCl (S) rrr/ff/2 Meiland, 1957 [Matson]
Often used as a climber, this jewel is welcome in any garden, in any way it can be used; single, cherry-red blooms with a golden eye which fade to crimson and cream. A bright charmer that once was commonly seen, now rare. Raised from two Polyantha roses, it belongs in this group.

DANCING DOLL

PolCl rrr/ff/1 Moore, 1952 [Sequoia]
A seedling of RENAE with thornless stems, similar to CHINA DOLL in flower but in a much softer shade of pink. Excellent rebloom and a modest habit of gradual building.

“DENNY’S LOUISIANA RAMBLER”*

PolCl rrr/-/2 unknown, unknown [?]
A mystery rose from New Orleans and its surrounds sent to us recently as a remontant Rambler. We love it and it is never out of bloom; small double blooms of bright rose pink.

HAPPY, CLIMBING*

[SU#15]
PolCl rr/f/1 unknown, unknown [SJHRG]
This deep garnet red rose produces tight clusters of tiny rosettes. One of a group of roses sent to the San Jose Heritage Rose Garden from the Swedish rose collection; all of which arrived without labels attached. We received this separately from Lynn Schweissinger of Sacramento.

HERMANN SCHMIDT*

PolCl rrr/ff/1 Hetzel, 1986 [SJHRG]
 A handsome climber with elegant, glossy foliage and small flowers of deep carmine blending to mauve; this is a sprightly rose that sparkles with color; a must for those who love bluey purples! Though classed by the introducer as a Large-flowered Climber this is a small flowered clustering rose, and fits with the group of "remontant ramblers," SUPERB DOROTHY and SUPERB EXCELSA. It is rather like having a remontant form of one of the purple ramblers like VEILCHENBLAU. But these are best called Climbing Polyanthas.

MARGO KOSTER, CLIMBING*

PolCl rrr/-/2 Golie, 1962 [SJHRG]
 Globular blossoms of soft coral-orange; this is the trademark rose of an age, with all its flaws and shortcomings, still a tough survivor and a bright and cheery addition to the small garden.

MARIE HENRIETTE GRÄFIN CHOTEK

PolCl (R) rrr/-/2 Lambert, 1911 [SJHRG]
 That this has been classed a Rambler doesn't surprise, as the class was young in 1911, when breeders hoped to develop it as a remontant class of roses. We do feel this fits best with roses of similar style and habit. Double, cupped blooms of wavy-edged petals, rose red touched scarlet, make a charming picture.

OPAL BRUNNER

PolCl rrr/ff/1 Marshall, 1948 [Huntington]
 (FICL)
 Small blooms with a musky fragrance, light pink to salmon flowers with touches of yellow. Grows much like PHYLLIS BIDE. OPAL BRUNNER is classed as a Climbing Floribunda and we have been tempted at times to place it with the Hybrid Musks, with which it has much in common, but we have decided it belongs best with the Polyantha Climbers.

ORANGE TRIUMPH, CLIMBING

PolCl rrr/ff/2 Leenders, 1945 [Pickering]
 Not orange at all, but rather orange-scarlet; a striking color set off well by the rich olive-green foliage; clusters of 2-inch flowers, almost fully double. A very vigorous plant, making a 7' mound, its arching canes weighted with flowers.

PASADENA TOURNAMENT, CLIMBING

PolCl (FICL) rrr/fff/2 Marsh's Nursery, 1945 [Huntington]
 A sport of the bush form, with the same lovely shimmering red flowers, of Sweetheart Rose perfection. Another Floribunda we class as a Polyantha.

PHYLLIS BIDE

PolCl rrrr/ff/1 Bide, 1923 [Oakland RG]
 Butter yellow cups open to starbursts of primrose, peach, and pink, lightly scented, on a wiry plant ideal for training on small structures. Everblooming. One of the very finest climbing roses ever introduced. One of our most popular roses of any type.

PINKIE, CLIMBING

PolCl rrr/ff/1 Dering, 1952 [ARE]
 A delightful sport of the dwarf pink shrub with all the abundance of bloom of its parent.

RENAE

PolCl (FICL) rrr/fff/1 Moore, 1954 [HRG; Oakland RG]
 Very fragrant cupped and informal flowers of warm pink with apricot undertones. A thornless climber derived from a Polyantha crossed with a Climbing Miniature which we feel belongs here better than with the Climbing Floribundas.

SUMMER SNOW, CLIMBING

[EVA TESCHENDORFF, CLIMBING]

PolCl (FICL) rr/f/1 Couteau, 1936 [Huntington]
 Cupped white flowers lightly touched with pink in clusters; excellent rebloom and glossy, handsome foliage. Introduced as a seedling of the hybrid Multiflora TAUSENDSCHÖN, we are certain that it was in fact a *sport*, identical to an earlier introduced rose, CLIMBING EVA TESCHENDORFF, sport of EVA TESCHENDORFF, a bush-form Polyantha, and the white sport of ECHO, which in turn sported from the famous TAUSENDSCHÖN. Parallel sports like this are not uncommon, and it seems quite possible that the introducer of CLIMBING SUMMER SNOW was not certain of its origin, and supposed it to be a seedling of TAUSENDSCHÖN.

SUPERB DOROTHY

PolCl rrr/f/2 Hetzel, 1986 [SJHRG]
 This closely resembles the famous old Rambler DOROTHY PERKINS, but blooms repeatedly. Lax growth, glossy foliage, small flowers in large clusters, small double, and light pink.

SUPERB EXCELSA

PolCl rrr/f/1 Hetzel, 1992 [SJHRG]
 Very much like the old Rambler EXCELSA, but with a richer, plum-crimson color to the flowers; the petals pale on the reverse, and the whole flower fades with age, and reblooms. This is a seed-raised variety, and was not a sport of EXCELSA.

THE FAIRY, CLIMBING

PolCl rrr/-/1 unknown, 20th century [ARE]
 Thanks to the Antique Rose Emporium for passing this fine rose around. The same small pink rosettes as the bush form, borne in profusion on a dense, much branched climber. According to Heirloom Roses this was found by Dr. Charles Jeremias on a bush of THE FAIRY and is called LADY CAROLINA.