

# ROSACEA - A THORNY BEAUTY

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Rose, (genus Rosa), genus of some 100 species of perennial shrubs in the rose family (Rosaceae). Roses are native primarily to the temperate regions of the Northern Hemisphere.

Many roses are cultivated for their beautiful flowers (1), which range in colour from white through various tones of yellow and pink to dark crimson and maroon (2), and most have a delightful fragrance(3), which varies according to the variety and to climatic conditions.

Roses are presented by themselves or in the form of a bouquet as an expression of affection, love and good will (4). Even different coloured roses are said to have different meanings. They are also grown as ornamental plants (5).

Roses are so popular that they have different names in different languages like Rozi, Gulab, Airtafae, Jangmi, Ружа, Nhainnse, Méiguī, etc (6).

Roses have various applications ranging from perfumes to food and drink, and also in medicine, art, literature, etc (7).



(2) Maxim Card from Hungary



(6) Rose Stamps



(4) Miniature Sheet designed by Éva Zombory

(5) Standard Rose Stamp from Booklet designed by Roger Gorringe (7) Special Cover released in Ajmer on Rose Products



(1) Permanent Pictorial Cancellation of Rose Garden, Chandigarh

(3) Presentation Pack on Fragrance of Roses by India Post

