



**J.P. Connell Explorer Rose**  
*Rosa 'J.P. Connell'*

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Group/Class: Explorer Rose

**Description:**

This popular shrub rose features delicate, intensely fragrant double creamy yellow flowers abundant in June; hardy and resistant to powdery mildew; makes a beautiful garden color accent; needs full sun and well-drained soil.

**Ornamental Features**

J.P. Connell Explorer Rose is covered in stunning fragrant lemon yellow flowers with creamy white overtones at the ends of the branches from late spring to late summer, which emerge from distinctive gold flower buds. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The oval compound leaves turn yellow in fall. The spiny brick red bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

**Landscape Attributes**

J.P. Connell Explorer Rose is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading 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 is a high maintenance shrub that will require regular care and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

J.P. Connell Explorer Rose is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use



*J.P. Connell Explorer Rose flowers*  
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*



### **Planting & Growing**

J.P. Connell Explorer Rose will grow to be about 4 feet 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 20 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 somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.