Bougainvillea glabra
(Bougainvillea, Paper flower)

Bougainvillea glabra is an evergreen shrubby vine with spiny branches. The flowers are small cream color found in the center of 3 coloured bracts. Culture and hardiness is species dependent, but most bougainvilleas prefer sunny, warm conditions and require very well-drained soil. They tend to be drought tolerant, but look best with occasional applications of water.

**Landscape Information**

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<th>French Name: Bougainville</th>
<th>Arabic Name: مجنونة</th>
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<td>Pronunciation: boo-gan-VIL-lee-uh GLAY-bruh</td>
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<td>Plant Type: Vine</td>
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<td>Origin: Brazil</td>
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<td>Heat Zones: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16</td>
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<td>Hardiness Zones: 9, 10, 11, 12</td>
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<td>Uses: Screen, Hedge, Bonsai, Espalier, Specimen, Mass Planting, Container, Trellis</td>
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**Size/Shape**

| Growth Rate: Moderate |
| Tree Shape: Spreading |
| Canopy Symmetry: Irregular |
| Canopy Density: Open |
| Canopy Texture: Coarse |
| Height at Maturity: 3 to 5 m |
| Spread at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 meters |
| Time to Ultimate Height: 5 to 10 Years |

**Notes**

Bougainvillea may be planted as free-standing specimens, hedges, trailing vines or groundcover plants.
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**Botanical Description**

**Foliage**
- **Leaf Arrangement:** Alternate
- **Leaf Venation:** Pinnate
- **Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen
- **Leaf Type:** Simple
- **Leaf Blade:** Less than 5
- **Leaf Shape:** Lanceolate
- **Leaf Margins:** Undulate
- **Leaf Textures:** Smooth
- **Leaf Scent:** No Fragance
- **Color (growing season):** Green
- **Color (changing season):** Green

**Flower**
- **Flower Showiness:** True
- **Flower Size Range:** 0 - 1.5
- **Flower Type:** Solitary
- **Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)
- **Flower Scent:** No Fragance
- **Flower Color:** Yellow, Orange, Red, Purple, Variegated, White
- **Seasons:** Spring, Summer

**Trunk**
- **Number of Trunks:** Multi-Trunked
- **Trunk Esthetic Values:** Not Showy

**Fruit**
- **Fruit Type:** Achene/Akene
- **Fruit Showiness:** False
- **Fruit Size Range:** 0 - 1.5
- **Fruit Colors:** Brown
- **Seasons:** Spring, Summer
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### Horticulture Management

#### Tolerance
- **Frost Tolerant:** No  
- **Heat Tolerant:** Yes  
- **Drought Tolerant:** Yes  
- **Salt Tolerance:** Moderate

#### Requirements
- **Soil Requirements:** Loam, Sand  
- **Soil pH Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral  
- **Water Requirements:** Moderate  
- **Light Requirements:** Full

#### Management
- **Toxity:** No  
- **Invasive Potential:** No  
- **Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases:** No  
- **Pruning Requirement:** Little needed, to develop a strong structure  
- **Fruit/Leaves/Flowers litter:** Yes  
- **Life Span:** 25-50 years  
- **Edible Parts:** None  
- **Pests:** Mites, Thrips, Scales, Aphids  
- **Plant Propagations:** Cutting