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.

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<td><strong>French Name:</strong> Bougainville</td>
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<td><strong>Arabic Name:</strong> مجهونة</td>
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<td><strong>Pronunciation:</strong> boo-gan-VIL-lee-uh GLAY-bruh</td>
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<td><strong>Plant Type:</strong> Vine</td>
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<td><strong>Origin:</strong> Brazil</td>
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<td><strong>Heat Zones:</strong> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16</td>
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<td><strong>Hardiness Zones:</strong> 9, 10, 11, 12</td>
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<td><strong>Uses:</strong> Screen, Hedge, Bonsai, Espalier, Specimen, Mass Planting, Container, Trellis</td>
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<td><strong>Growth Rate:</strong> Moderate</td>
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<td><strong>Tree Shape:</strong> Spreading</td>
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<td><strong>Canopy Symmetry:</strong> Irregular</td>
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<td><strong>Canopy Density:</strong> Open</td>
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<td><strong>Canopy Texture:</strong> Coarse</td>
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<td><strong>Height at Maturity:</strong> 3 to 5 m</td>
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<td><strong>Spread at Maturity:</strong> 1.5 to 3 meters</td>
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<td><strong>Time to Ultimate Height:</strong> 5 to 10 Years</td>
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**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 Fragrance
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 Fragrance
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

Leaf Image