

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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Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Bougainville

Arabic Name: مجنونة

Pronunciation: boo-gan-VIL-lee-uh GLAY-bruh

Plant Type: Vine

Origin: Brazil

Heat Zones: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

Hardiness Zones: 9, 10, 11, 12

Uses: Screen, Hedge, Bonsai, Espalier, Specimen, Mass Planting, Container, Trellis

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 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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Leaf Image

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

Toxicity: 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

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