Abelia x grandiflora
(Glossy Abelia)
Abelia x grandiflora is a fine-textured, semi-evergreen, sprawling shrub with 2-3 cm-long, red-tinged leaves arranged along on the arching, multiple stems. It stands out from other plants because the leaves retain the reddish foliage all summer long. It will lose 50% of its leaves in colder climates, the remaining leaves taking on a more pronounced red color. It is in bloom from spring through fall with terminal clusters of delicate pink and white, small, tubular flowers. It is ideal for use as a specimen, foundation plant, shrub border, planted along a steep bank for erosion control, or it can be clipped into a hedge. Thinning will help light reach the interior foliage stimulating branching and creating a fuller plant. Furthermore, it enjoys fairly rich, moist but well-drained soil in a full sun or lightly shaded location and has good drought-tolerance. Plants become thin and unattractive in the shade and do not flower. The foliage darkens during winter but plants generally remain full all during the cold months.

**Landscape Information**

- **French Name:** Not Available
- **Pronunciation:** uh-BEEL-ee-uh gran-dif-FLOR-uh
- **Plant Type:** Shrub
- **Origin:** Developed in Italy
- **Heat Zones:** 6, 7, 8, 9
- **Hardiness Zones:** 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
- **Uses:** Hedge, Specimen, Border Plant, Mass Planting, Container, Wildlife, Erosion control

**Size/Shape**

- **Growth Rate:** Moderate
- **Tree Shape:** Round
- **Canopy Symmetry:** Symmetrical
- **Canopy Density:** Medium
- **Canopy Texture:** Fine
- **Height at Maturity:** 0.5 to 1 m
- **Spread at Maturity:** 1.5 to 3 meters
- **Time to Ultimate Height:** 10 to 20 Years
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#### Botanical Description

**Leaf**
- **Leaf Arrangement:** Opposite
- **Leaf Venation:** Pinnate
- **Leaf Persistence:** Semi Evergreen
- **Leaf Type:** Simple
- **Leaf Blade:** Less than 5
- **Leaf Shape:** Lanceolate
- **Leaf Margins:** Serrate
- **Leaf Textures:** Smooth
- **Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance
- **Color (growing season):** Green
- **Color (changing season):** Red

**Flower**
- **Flower Showiness:** True
- **Flower Size Range:** 1.5 - 3
- **Flower Type:** Solitary
- **Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)
- **Flower Scent:** Pleasant
- **Flower Color:** White, Pink
- **Seasons:** Spring, Summer

**Trunk**
- **Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage:** Generally resists breakage
- **Number of Trunks:** Multi-Trunked

**Fruit**
- **Fruit Showiness:** True
- **Fruit Size Range:** 0 - 1.5
- **Seasons:** Spring, Summer
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**Horticulture Management**

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Leaf Image