

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.



Plant Image

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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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

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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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: No

Drought Tolerant: No

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: Less than 25

Edible Parts:

Pests: Aphids

Plant Propagations: Cutting

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