

## 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

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## 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

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### 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

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### Trunk

**Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage:** Generally resists breakage

**Number of Trunks:** Multi-Trunked

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### Fruit

**Fruit Showiness:** True

**Fruit Size Range:** 0 - 1.5

**Seasons:** Spring, Summer

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Leaf Image

### Horticulture Management

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#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** Yes

**Heat Tolerant:** No

**Drought Tolerant:** No

**Salt Tolerance:** Poor

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Clay, Loam, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral

**Water Requirements:** Moderate

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part

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#### 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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