

Lonicera japonica

(Japanese Honeysuckle)

Japanese Honeysuckle is a rampant vine that can easily grow out-of-control in the landscape (Fig. 1). It is considered a weed, a pest and an invasive plant in Florida. It has escaped cultivation and is reproducing in the wild. The fragrant flowers very fast, overtopping adjacent shrubs and growing into nearby emerge white and turn yellow within a day or two. The plant remains in bloom for several weeks in the spring. Plants grow trees. It should only be planted in a confined space such as in a container or planter.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Chèvrefeuille du Japon

Pronunciation: lah-NISS-ser-ruh juh-PAWN-nick-kuh

Plant Type: Vine

Origin: Asia, Japan, China

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

Hardiness Zones: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

Uses: Screen, Erosion control, Pollution Tolerant / Urban, Facade, Trellis

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape: Spreading

Canopy Density: Medium

Canopy Texture: Medium

Height at Maturity: 8 to 15 m

Spread at Maturity: 3 to 5 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: Ovate

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Smooth

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Flower Type: Solitary

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: White

Seasons: Spring, Winter

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy

Fruit

Fruit Type: Berry

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Fruit Colors: Blue

Seasons: Spring, Winter

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: No

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: High, Moderate, Low

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: Yes

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: Less than 25

Diseases: Powdery Mildew

Edible Parts: None

Pests: Thrips, Aphids

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting, Layering

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