Madagascar Jasmine

Stephanotis floribunda



Madagascar Jasmine flowers
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Height: 12 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Waxflower, Bridal Wreath

Description:

This vigorous climber bears dark green leathery leaves to contrast clusters of pure white tubular blooms that are highly fragrant; largely used for wedding arrangements; grows best in sunny, tropical conditions or indoors

Ornamental Features

Madagascar Jasmine features showy clusters of fragrant white tubular flowers along the branches from early spring to late winter. Its attractive glossy oval leaves remain dark green in color with distinctive light green veins throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Madagascar Jasmine is a multi-stemmed annual with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a high maintenance plant that will require regular care and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Madagascar Jasmine is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Madagascar Jasmine will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. As a climbing vine, it should either be planted near a fence, trellis or other landscape structure where it can be trained to grow upwards on it, or allowed to trail off a retaining wall or slope. Although it's not a true annual, this fast-growing plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is very fussy about its soil conditions and must have rich, acidic soils to ensure success, and is subject to chlorosis (yellowing) of the foliage in alkaline soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America.

Madagascar Jasmine is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.