

Botanical Name: Gardenia augusta 'Veitchii' (G. jasminoides)

Common Name: Ever-blooming gardenia

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a fairly compact variety of the species, with upright and spreading branchlets forming a rounded to mounded shape

Height 2' - 4' Spread equal or more Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors prefers full sun and summer heat for best growth; prefers partial sun locations in desert sites

Soil requires good drainage; avoid wet clay soil

Hardiness hardy (zones 7-9, 12-16, 18-23): thrives in warm humid locations

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, opposite, elliptic-oval, bright green; 1-1/2"-2" long, shiny on upper surface, veins more prominent than 'Mystery'

Flowers white, very fragrant, 1"-1-1/2" across; borne singly or in small clusters at ends of stems, double-petaled; April - November

Fruit if present, a small capsule

Propagation: softwood or semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: an excellent low-filler for subtropical or tropical-theme gardens, valued for its profuse display of white fragrant flowers and glossy foliage

Landscape Care:

Watering regular preferred - the plant is not very drought-tolerant

Fertilizing balanced (plus iron), at least 3 times a year for best flower production; citrus fertilizer is beneficial

Pruning selectively head back any straggly branches; remove dead flowers for best appearance

Pests/Diseases aphids, mealybugs, scale

Special Conditions plant high on well-mulched soil

Origin: China Family: Rubiaceae