

Botanical Name: Bougainvillea spectabilis

Common Name: Bougainvillea

Type of Plant: dicot; vine Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape erect to sprawling with long, cane-like, spiny stems
arching upwards and outwards to form a rangy, loose canopy if unpruned - can be
trained to grow upwards with support

Height 10-20' Spread equal + Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun--blooms poorly in shade

Soil prefers a warm, well-drained root run

Hardiness some frost, best near coast (zones 12,13,15-24)

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, ovate-elliptic, 2-4" long, green,
aristate and somewhat boat-shaped toward tips

Flowers small, tubular--color from flower bracts, 3-5 leafed,
terminally arranged--summer and intermittent year round

Fruit tiny achene

Propagation: semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: vine for its profuse flower display throughout the warmer
months--arbors, trellises, wall coverings, large scale slope cover

Landscape Care:

Watering occasional deep soak after established - fairly drought
tolerant once established

Fertilizing balanced--spring, summer

Pruning head back and thin strongly in early spring to control size

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions plant carefully--roots are delicate

Origin: Brazil Family: Nyctaginaceae