

Botanical Name: Mandevilla 'Alice DuPont'

Common Name: Mandevilla

Type of Plant: dicot; vine Family Apocynaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape climbing, twining vine with coarse-textured foliage and
broad, pink, tubular flowers throughout the warm season

Height to 20 ft. Spread to 20 ft. Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun or partial shade; thrives during hot weather

Soil prefers a well-drained, non-saline soil

Hardiness tender (zones 21-24); does best in warm, mild areas

Morphology:

Leaves broadly elliptical leaves oppositely arranged, to 8" long;
leaves have very short petioles, thick prominent ribs

Flowers pink, trumpet-shaped flowers from 2-3" across; flower throat
is usually darker than petals

Fruit a pair of cylindrical follicles

Propagation: semi-hardwood or root cuttings in fall

Usage: tropical vine used for bright flowers; sometimes used as a
container plant or even an annual vine; does best on warm, south-facing walls
protected from frost

Landscape Care:

Watering requires regular watering

Fertilizing balanced fertilizer in the spring

Pruning thin out occasionally to prevent woody, twiggy growth

Pests/Diseases whitefly, scale, mealybugs

Other white and darker pink varieties are available

Origin: Hybrid of Mandevilla amabilis and M. amoena - from Argentina