

# BOUGAINVILLEA GLABRA



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*Bougainvillea glabra*\*, also known as Bougainvillea or Paper Flower, is an evergreen, woody climbing plant native to South America, known for its vibrant clusters of bracts (flower-like leaves). It is a popular ornamental plant in gardens, balconies and terraces.



It is a thorny shrub that can grow to a height of 3 to 3.5 meters, or even 9-12 meters with proper support. Its leaves are bright green and oval-shaped.

The showy part of the plant is actually the papery, brightly colored bracts (usually purple, pink, red, or white) that enclose the small, white or yellow true flowers.

# Cultivation and Uses

It is a fast-growing species and, thanks to its climbing structure, is ideal for covering walls, fences, or pergolas.

It can be used in the landscape to create a privacy screen, in pots, in hanging baskets, or as a ground cover. In Mexico, an infusion of its leaves and bracts is used in traditional medicine to treat respiratory and gastrointestinal ailments.



It requires plenty of sunlight; it needs at least six hours of full sunlight per day to bloom well. In shade, it produces only green leaves.

It is a temperate plant and is sensitive to frost. In regions with cold winters, it should be grown indoors or in a conservatory when temperatures drop below freezing.