

Orange Jessamine, *Satinwood*

Orange Jessamine, named for its delicate orange blossom perfume, is a shrub or small tree which will reach a height and width of 4 metres. Originating in India and southeast Asia, and widely distributed in tropical countries, it has a lush, green, thick foliage of shiny, pinnate, aromatic leaves and masses of scented, waxy, white flowers in spring, summer and autumn, followed by small, bright red fruits. One of the best-loved garden shrubs in many countries, it is now often seen in Arriyadh, where it makes an excellent hedge, although clipping will reduce the number of flowers. It is frost-tender in Arriyadh, but will recover after a light pruning. Best in light shade, Murraya prefers an organically rich, well-drained soil. Regular fertilising and watering is required, although it will tolerate a dry period. Propagation is by seed and cuttings. Pests are not usually observed. Shrubs will need some pruning to keep them in shape and, if a hedge or formal shape is desired, clipping must be regular, because new growth recurs quickly. *M. paniculata* is also very useful as a free-growing screen and makes an ornamental accent plant in large containers.



GENERAL

Origin	: sub-tropical, tropical
Vigour	: normal growth rate
Humidity	: semi-humid, very humid, extremely humid
Propagation	: sowing and pricking out, cuttings
Maintenance	: low

CONDITIONS

Urban climate	: vulnerable
Dessication	: vulnerable
Stagnant water	: vulnerable
Irrigation	: medium
Salinity/ppm	: moderate (1200 ppm)
Hardiness	: -3°C

SHAPE

Type	: shrub
Height	: 2 m-4 m
Spread	: 2 m-4 m
Foliage	: evergreen

FLOWER

Colour	: white
Size	: 1.5 cm - 1.8 cm
Period	: May - September
Smell	: scented, strong, gives freely of its scent, flower, sweet, fruity

FRUIT

Type of fruit	: berry
Fruit size	: 1 cm
Toxicity	: inedible