

## Pink Jasmine

In forests of subtropical China, the Pink Jasmine may be found growing wild as a vigorous climber up to 6 metres high. The leaves are compound with five or seven leaflets from which the terminal one is the largest. They usually last during winter, but may shed in cold winters without any damage to the twining stems as long as freezing is mild and brief. A large number of pink buds are borne in late winter to turn into white, star-shaped flowers 2 cm across. A pleasant, sweet scent is emitted during flowering in spring. Flowers also appear less profusely in summer and autumn. The plant is a source of aromatic oil that may be extracted to produce perfume. Pollination results in dark-blue berries. Established plants take full sun and tolerate some drought. However, flowers are also produced in abundance where plants thrive in the partial shade of palm groves. They do well in pots indoors or in containers with excellent drainage. A lush appearance is achieved in fertile soil either acidic or alkaline with supplemental irrigation in summer. Pruning in winter does not affect the flowers, since they grow in terminal clusters on new growth. Pink Jasmines require support such as a fence or, if grown in front of a wall, some sort of trellis is needed. Semi-hardwood cuttings in late summer root easily and plants already flower when young. Other methods are layering and sowing seeds that have been cleaned and dried first. The plant is so easy to grow that it has become invasive in some regions with favourable climate.



### GENERAL

Origin	: sub-Mediterranean, Mediterranean
Vigour	: fairly fast growing
Humidity	: semi-arid, semi-humid, very humid
Propagation	: sowing and pricking out, layer, cuttings
Maintenance	: moderate

### CONDITIONS

Urban climate	: resistant
Dessication	: vulnerable
Stagnant water	: vulnerable
Irrigation	: high
Salinity/ppm	: low (600 ppm)
Hardiness	: -6°C

### SHAPE

Type	: climbers
Height	: 3 m-6 m
Spread	: 4 m-7 m
Foliage	: evergreen

### FLOWER

Colour	: white, pink
Size	: 2 cm
Period	: February - August
Smell	: aroma, strong, gives freely of its scent, flower, sweet

### FRUIT

Type of fruit	: berry
Fruit size	: 1.1 cm