

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**

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|-------------|---|
| 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 |