

Japanese Honeysuckle

Lonicera japonica 'Halliana' is the Japanese or Hall's Honeysuckle. Honeysuckle is native to eastern Asia, including China, Japan and Korea. The plant belongs to the vine family, and climbs to a height of 5 metres. For climbing, it needs a grit or fence in order to twine. The leaves are evergreen to partly deciduous in an ovate shape in light green. The delicate flowers attain a size of 4 cm. They begin to flower in bright white and turn deep yellow while withering. The flowers exude a pleasant sweet fragrance in spring and summer. After flowering, black inedible berries appear. *Lonicera japonica* is undemanding in terms of site requirements. It tolerates some drought, hot winds, poor soil and hot sun, and revels in heat. However, it can be affected by frost because it prefers temperatures above 1°C; otherwise it becomes deciduous. It will leaf out quickly again in warm weather. With constant adequate irrigation, it will look fresh and green. Although it is drought-tolerant, it will look mangy and sections will die out with lack of water. Periodic pruning is recommended for thinning and to control growth. Honeysuckle should not be planted too close to shrubs or trees, because it can take over. On hillside planting or as a slope stabiliser, it will control erosion. For Arriyadh, it is a recommended plant for screening, park plantations, public open spaces, urban areas in pedestrian precincts and the tops of walls. Quick shade can be gained for gazebos where the sweet, enchanting fragrance can be enjoyed



GENERAL

Origin	: temperate
Vigour	: fairly fast growing
Humidity	: very arid, semi-arid, semi-humid, very humid, extremely humid
Propagation	: cuttings
Maintenance	: moderate

CONDITIONS

Urban climate	: resistant
Dessication	: vulnerable
Stagnant water	: vulnerable
Irrigation	: medium
Salinity/ppm	: moderate (1800 ppm)
Hardiness	: 0°C

SHAPE

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

FLOWER

Colour	: bright white, secondary: deep yellow
Size	: 3 cm - 4 cm
Period	: May - July
Smell	: scented, strong, pleasantly scented, flower, sweet, fruity

FRUIT

Type of fruit	: berry
Fruit size	: 0.6 cm
Toxicity	: inedible