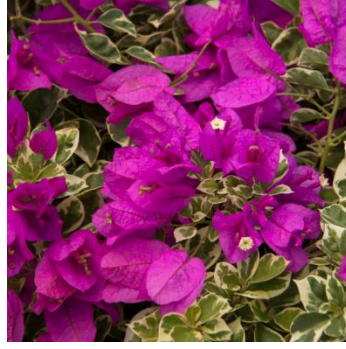


BOUGAINVILLEA 'BLUEBERRY ICE'

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Characteristics

- Type: Tender Perennial
- Growth: Compact, mounding
- Zone: 10 to 11
- Height: 2 to 3 feet
- Spread: 5 to 6 feet
- Bloom Time: Spring through Fall
- Bract Description: Purplish-pink
- Sun: Full sun
- Water: Medium
- Maintenance: Medium
- Flower: Creamy white
- Foliage: Variegated
- Tolerate: Drought

Culture

Refreshment for the eye. The flowers are not purple, not pink, not blue, but a cool concoction of all three, like blueberry sherbet. The eye finds it irresistible. Freely flowering with the added dazzle of variegated green and white leaves makes 'Blueberry Ice' an outstanding Bougainvillea. Grows best in full sun or light shade in well-drained, acid soils. *Bougainvillea* can tolerate hot, dry locations fairly well and flowers bountifully in full sun with regular watering. Regular pruning may be necessary to shape the plant or direct its growth, it tolerates trimming well. Once established, water occasionally; more in extreme heat or containers. Bougainvillea does not like temps below 50 °F. In colder Zones, can be grown in hanging baskets or containers that can be pruned and overwintered indoors.

Noteworthy Characteristics

The 14 species of this South American genus in the four-o'clock family, seen in warm-temperate to tropical regions as spectacular climbers, are really scrambling shrubs and usually remain fairly compact or behave as ground covers if left free standing. True flowers, in groups of 1 to 3 are tubular, creamy white to yellow and around 1-inch-wide, largely hidden by brightly colored petal-like bracts. 'Blueberry Ice' blooms in vibrant color. It is compact and perfect for small, sunny spaces. Mass in shrub beds, or feature in patio containers and hanging baskets. Evergreen in frost-free climates; provides superb warm season color in colder winter areas. Genus name honors Louis Antoine de Bougainville (1729-1811), sailor and explorer, who sailed round the world 1767-1769.

Problems

Mealybug and scale can be a problem indoors and aphids can be troublesome outdoors. Chlorosis can be a problem in alkaline soil.

Garden Uses

Perfect for contemporary, urban, or cottage gardens. Mass in shrub beds, or feature in patio containers and hanging baskets.