

GARDENIA 'AUGUST BEAUTY'

Gardenia jasminoides 'August Beauty'



Characteristics

- Type: Woody Shrub
- Zone: 8 to 11
- Height: 4-6 feet
- Spread: 4-6 feet
- Bloom Time: Spring through Fall
- Bloom Description: White/ivory
- Flower: Showy, Fragrant, Good Cut
- Sun: Full sun/Part shade
- Water: Medium
- Maintenance: Easy Care
- Leaf: Evergreen
- Attracts: Bees, butterflies

Culture

'August Beauty' Gardenia is a prolific bloomer with large, sweetly fragrant, elegant white flowers contrasted by deep green foliage. It is a wonderful garden accent plant that also makes a fine hedge. Water more often in extreme heat. The flowers are excellent for cutting. The glossy pointy leaves remain dark green throughout the winter. The fruit is not ornamentally significant. The perfect plant for filling blank walls of foundation planting adjacent to doors and windows that let the fragrance in. Enjoy as a side yard filler. Large enough to be an informal hedge or screen at outdoor living areas, porch or patio and even around a spa. Exceptional background plant for Asian inspired garden design. Works just as well in tropical garden often wanting for flowers. Been singled out by modern garden designers for courtyard effects.

Noteworthy Characteristics

In their native range, most gardenias are fairly adaptable shrubs tolerant of sun or semi-shade, and do best in a well-drained, humus-rich, acidic soil. Fall or spring is the best time for planting in warmer climates. 'August Beauty' Gardenia is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition. This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

Problems

It has no significant negative characteristics. Improved Pest and Disease Resistance.

Garden Uses

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