La Jolla Bougainvillea

Bougainvillea 'La Jolla'



La Jolla Bougainvillea flowers
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Height: 6 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 9a

Description:

A compact evergreen vine, presenting cascading masses of large red blooms, over rich, dark green foliage; excellent for training on a trellis or arbor; great for patio containers and hanging baskets; best color in full sun

Ornamental Features

La Jolla Bougainvillea is clothed in stunning red round flowers with fuchsia overtones held atop the branches from late spring to late fall. It has attractive dark green foliage with hints of grayish green. The glossy pointy leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

La Jolla Bougainvillea is a multi-stemmed evergreen woody vine with a twining and trailing 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 woody vine will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and can be pruned at anytime. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spiny



La Jolla Bougainvillea in bloom
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La Jolla Bougainvillea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

Planting & Growing

La Jolla Bougainvillea will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. As a climbing vine, it tends to be leggy near the base and should be underplanted with low-growing facer plants. It should be planted near a fence, trellis or other landscape structure where it can be trained to grow upwards on it, or allowed to trail off a retaining wall or slope. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This woody vine should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

La Jolla Bougainvillea makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.