

# Bougainvillea



TROPICAL PERENNIAL

FAST GROWING

SPRAWLING WOODY

THORNY VINE

BRILLIANT COLORED FLOWERS

## Flowering Season

Continuous depending on care and location.

## Temperature/Light

Bougainvillea is a tropical shrub. As long as nights are above 60 degrees, it is happy here. Plants need at least 6 hours of full sun each day.

## Soil

Repot plants September to March if needed. If in good soil that does not decay or waterlog, plants can be kept for years without repotting. Deep-unglazed clay pots are the best. The best soil is good topsoil. If using mixes - use 80% coarse sand and 20% composted organic material. DO NOT USE PEAT or PEAT based mixes.

## Uses

Landscaping, containers, hanging baskets

## Winter Care

When nights are cooler keep very dry. If roots are wet when below 60 degrees they will rot, weakening the plant or killing it. Cut the plant back hard (approx. size of pot), keep dry and above freezing and they will live throughout the winter here.

## Pruning

Prune heavily in fall; light in spring and none in summer.