



Summer Bell Big Red Mandevilla
Mandevilla 'Summer Bell Big Red'

Height: 10 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: 9a

Other Names: Dipladenia



Summer Bell Big Red Mandevilla flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Description:

This evergreen, twining vine produces large, rich red trumpet flowers from spring until fall; a lovely choice for trellises, garden fences or walls; prefers part shade

Ornamental Features

Summer Bell Big Red Mandevilla features bold red tubular flowers with orange throats along the branches from late spring to early fall. It has dark green foliage. The glossy pointy leaves remain dark green throughout the winter. The fruit is not ornamentally significant.

Landscape Attributes

Summer Bell Big Red Mandevilla 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 and hummingbirds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects

Summer Bell Big Red Mandevilla is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

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Planting & Growing

Summer Bell Big Red Mandevilla will grow to be about 10 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 medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This woody vine does best in full sun to partial shade. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets. 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.

Summer Bell Big Red Mandevilla makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. 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.