

Asian Jasmine Trachelospermum asiaticum

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

An interesting climbing groundcover with coppery emerging leaves that become dark glossy green with light green veins; creamy-yellow flowers compliment the nice foliage in summer; great for lightly shaded woodland areas

Ornamental Features

Asian Jasmine features showy fragrant buttery yellow flowers at the ends of the branches in early summer. Its attractive glossy oval leaves emerge coppery-bronze in spring, turning dark green in color with distinctive light green veins the rest of the year. The dark red stems can be quite attractive.

Landscape Attributes

Asian Jasmine is a multi-stemmed annual with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting birds, bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Asian Jasmine is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting



Asian Jasmine
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Asian Jasmine foliage Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Planting & Growing

Asian Jasmine will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. As a climbing vine, it should either 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. Although it's not a true annual, this plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by cuttings.

Asian Jasmine is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting 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 growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.