

Gardenias are one of the most popular plants because of their exquisite, white, beautifully perfumed blooms which contrast perfectly with the dark green glossy foliage. They require warmth, shelter, well drained soil and plenty of water in the flowering months.

Gardenias flower best during the warmer months (late spring to early autumn). Their large fragrant creamy white flowers and glossy green leaves make them one of Australia's most popular evergreen shrubs.

USES: Gardenias are versatile plants. Gardenias look impressive mass planted or as a hedge. Can be used as under-planting or background planting. Grows well in pots and can also be grown as a standard.

PLANTING TIPS: Plant in well drained soil to which compost or manure has been added. The root system is shallow and sensitive, so mulch generously with a quality mulch to keep plants healthy throughout the year and control weeds. Container plants should be potted in good quality potting mix with a high organic content.

SOIL TYPE: Gardenias require a deep, well-structured soil which has been enriched with compost or manure (cow or horse). They like acidic, cool, moist, well-drained soils. If soil is too alkaline it can cause yellowing of the leaves due to a magnesium deficiency. This can be corrected with an application of Epsom salts.

ASPECT: Require a warm, sheltered position, protected from frost. Early morning sun with light shade in the afternoon is preferential. Gardenias can scorch in full sun.

PRUNING: Prune lightly after flowering to maintain shape.

WATER: Water well, especially in warmer months when the plant is flowering.

FEEDING: Fertilise regularly during the growing season. We suggest [Harry's Gardenia Food](#).

PESTS & PROBLEMS: **Yellowing Leaves** – usually a sign of magnesium deficiency and can be treated with Epsom Salts.

Bud Drop – This is when buds fall/drop off just before blooming. This is most commonly due to lack of water.

Nematodes – can lead to leaf yellowing and may kill gardenias if not treated.

Scale Insects – use white oil to rid the plants of these pests.

Weevils, aphids, thrips, mealy bugs and hawk moth caterpillars – use a general pest spray to manage these pests. We suggest the [Yates Confidor Insecticide Range](#).



Gardenia Florida – *Gardenia augusta* 'Florida'

'Florida' is one of the most popular varieties of Gardenia due to its large, double milky-white flowers displayed prominently above dark green, glossy foliage. Ideal garden shrubs, which can be hedged, or potted, but requires a warm protected position, especially in cooler climates.

Height: 1-1.2m **Width:** 1m

Form: Rounded, evergreen shrub **Foliage:** Glossy, dark green oval leaves.

Flowers: Large double white blooms borne during spring and summer. Perfume can be enjoyed from late spring and through the warmer months.



Gardenia Radicans – *Gardenia jasminoides* 'Radicans'

Prostrate growing Gardenia with glossy green leaves. Flowers profusely during summer months with slightly smaller, but equally as scented flowers as the larger growing varieties. Ideal planted under trees, in-between shrubs and in containers. Also available in variegated form with green foliage splashed with lime and yellow.

Height: 0.5m **Width:** 1m

Form: A low, spreading variety. **Foliage:** Glossy, dark green leaves.

Flowers: Superb creamy-white, beautifully formed, highly fragrant double blooms in warmer months. Perfume can be enjoyed from late spring and through the warmer months.



Gardenia Magnifica – *Gardenia jasminoides* 'Magnifica'

One of the larger growing Gardenias, 'Magnifica' has big glossy green leaves and extra large, sweetly scented, double white flowers through warmer months.

Height: : 1.5m - 2m **Width:** 1m – 1.5m

Form: Rounded, evergreen shrub. A taller variety of Gardenia. **Foliage:** Glossy, dark green leaves.

Flowers: Large, double, creamy-white flowers. Perfume can be enjoyed from late spring and through the warmer months.



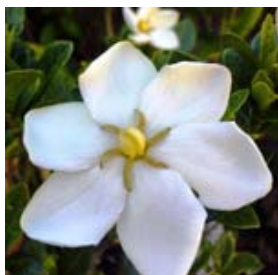
Gardenia Professor Pucci – *Gardenia jasminoides* 'Professor Pucci'

A spectacular variety producing particularly large, soft-petalled, creamy-white, double flowers which are prominently displayed above dark green, glossy foliage. Blooms are sweetly perfumed and long-lasting making it an ideal garden shrub or potted specimen.

Height: 1.2m **Width:** 1.2m

Form: Rounded, evergreen shrub **Foliage:** Glossy, dark green leaves.

Flowers: Generously large, double, milky-white flowers. Perfume can be enjoyed from late spring and through the warmer months.



Gardenia Star – *Gardenia jasminoides* 'Star'

An exquisite and compact Gardenia from Japan with glossy, evergreen leaves and beautiful single white, heavily scented small star-shaped flowers. An excellent variety for borders, pots and containers.

Height: 0.5m **Width:** 0.5m

Form: A unique, compact form which requires little or no pruning. **Foliage:** Glossy, dark green leaves.

Flowers: Single, small, white, star-shaped flowers during late spring and summer. Perfume can be enjoyed from late spring and through the warmer months.



Gardenia Aimee Yoshiba – *Gardenia augusta* 'Aimee Yoshiba'

A rounded, evergreen shrub producing large double white blooms. Heavily scented.

Height: : 1.0m - 1.2m **Width:** 1.0m

Form: Rounded, evergreen shrub. **Foliage:** Glossy, dark green leaves with an open habit.

Flowers: Large double white blooms. Heavily scented. Perfume can be enjoyed from late spring and through the warmer months.



Gardenia Four Season – *Gardenia augusta* 'Four Seasons'

A delightful, compact, low growing, evergreen shrub. The open white flowers are displayed above the dark green glossy foliage. An excellent variety for borders, pots and containers.

Height: 0.6m - 0.9m **Width:** 1m

Form: Low growing, compact, evergreen shrub. **Foliage:** Glossy, dark green leaves.

Flowers: Masses of open, pure white, medium sized flowers from late spring through to autumn. Perfume can be enjoyed from late spring and through the warmer months.



Gardenia Golden Magic – *Gardenia augusta* 'Golden Magic'

An evergreen shrub with glossy green foliage which bears masses of delightful, heavily perfumed blooms beginning in pure white and turning to a buttery yellow, and finally gold.

Height: 1.5m **Width:** 1m

Form: A taller variety. **Foliage:** Glossy, dark green leaves.

Flowers: Double blooms in shades of white, yellow and golds adorn the plant throughout spring and into early autumn. Perfume can be enjoyed from late spring and through the warmer months.



Gardenia Ocean Pearl – *Gardenia augusta* 'Ocean Pearl'

A neat, small, evergreen shrub, 'Ocean Pearl' produces delightful, double, pearly-white, scented blooms.

Height: 1.0m **Width:** 1.0m

Form: Neat small, evergreen shrub. **Foliage:** Small glossy, dark green foliage.

Flowers: Large, double, pearl-white flowers. Perfume can be enjoyed from late spring and through the warmer months.