

Jasmine - Care Guide

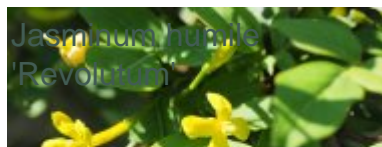
Jasminum - Introduction

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Different species of jasmine need to be treated, positioned and grown in very different ways. Some are freestanding shrubs of varying ultimate height. Some are vigorous, twining, climbers suitable for outdoor growing and some of these are tender and can only be grown and appreciated in the greenhouse. Some (mainly white flowering forms) are grown for their delicious scent while, others, have floral attributes of their own. With such a wide range of behaviours and hardiness it is easiest to describe them in categories rather than trying to lump them all together.

Shrubby Jasmine

J. humile 'Revolutum', Yellow jasmine, is a semi evergreen shrub of some eventual size. It will eventually grow to 12ft or so with a similar spread. This has however taken 20 or more years here at Burncoose. Some shoots are erect and upright while others are arching and spreading. We have not seen fit to prune our stock plant yet but, if containment was necessary, it would take no harm from a sharp cutback. The large yellow flowers appear in clusters and are scented. Each flower is about an inch across. J. humile differs from 'Revolutum' only in having smaller leaves and flowers and the two are easily confused. Both flower first in late spring but carry on flowering right through to early autumn.



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J. beesianum has grown with us up against a 6ft wall for 40 years without being any trouble or needing much pruning. It is a twining woody evergreen which is fully or partially deciduous in a cold winter or colder areas. Sometimes it comes into new growth early in the spring and gets nipped back but it is totally hardy. It will get a bit woody and top heavy on wall over time but you can cut it back as hard as you like occasionally and it will reshoot vigorously. The flowers appear from early to late summer and are scented in pinkish-red clusters of tiny flowers.



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With us in Cornwall *J. officinale* is usually evergreen or nearly evergreen. In most of the rest of the country it is more likely to be deciduous.



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Jasminum x stephanense



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J. azoricum is an evergreen twining species which can grow to 10ft or more on a wall in the greenhouse but will probably need to be cut back from time to time to keep it under control. Its fragrant white flowers appear in late summer from terminal cymes. Because it flowers on the new growth pruning will encourage more copious displays of flowers.

J. polyanthum is a similarly vigorous evergreen jasmine which is ever popular and easy to grow in the greenhouse. While we can grow it outside in Cornwall, with occasional wind scorching, it is best appreciated firmly indoors and will grow well (with pruning) in a large container. The flowers appear in late winter or early spring and are strongly fragrant. The flowers are pink in bud opening white in large panicles.



Jasminum polyanthum



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Pruning - Video Tip

View this video on Youtube here <https://www.youtube.com/sleMEIVGjiw>

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