

Justicia floribunda - Care Guide

Caring For Justicia Floribunda

This is a most attractive conservatory plant which will survive outside as a summer bedding plant but which will very probably die over winter unless lifted and brought back inside in the autumn. In Cornwall we can get away with growing it outside in a normal winter in a well sheltered location protected from cold winds.

J. floribunda is a small growing evergreen shrub achieving perhaps 2ft in height outside and a little more in a frost free greenhouse. It used to thrive in the conservatory at Burncoose in an open bed rather than a pot. Its greatest attribute there was that it flowered away from late autumn right through to the spring. The flower spikes at the tips of individual stems have long tubular yellow and scarlet flowers which contrast very effectively with the dense mid-green leaves on this little rounded bush.

J. floribunda roots easily with us as a softwood new growth cutting in March or April in the heated mist bench.

In the greenhouse this plant needs full light but shading from direct sun. Water freely when in growth and continue watering more sparingly when in flower over winter. Eventually this little shrub will get a bit straggly and it will need a hard pruning to keep it in shape. It may then be easier to remove it and start again with a young plant.



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