

Brunfelsia americana - Plant



Brunfelsia americana is an evergreen shrub or small tree; it can grow up to 5 metres tall. The plant is harvested from the wild for local use as a medicine. It is often grown as an ornamental in gardens.

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Description

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Description for Brunfelsia americana

Plant height: 3 - 6 inches

Plant spread:

Open, evergreen shrub with glossy green leaves. Bearing clusters of white, salverform on tubes, flowers that turn honey yellow with age. Fragrant blooms, more fragrant at night. Part sun, bright filtered light, said to do well in shade also. Seasonally moist/dry, in humus rich, well drained neutral soil.

Common name(s): lady-of-the-night

Flower colours: First a clear, crisp white or ivory in color, the blossoms fade to creamy light yellow and then beige

Bloom time: Early Spring, Spring, Late Spring, Fall, Late Fall, Early Winter

Max reachable height: 12' - 20' / 3.7m - 6.1m

Difficulty to grow: -

Planting and care

Grows best in a position with partial shade - when growing in full sun the foliage may scorch and drop. Prefers a loamy, fertile, humus-rich, moist but well-drained soil.

Sunlight: Full Sun, Partial Sun

Soil: Seasonally moist/dry, in humus rich, well drained neutral soil.
Loam, Sand.

Water: -

Temperature: -

Fertilizer:

Most plants need a regular "diet" of all-purpose plant food, either specialty (labeled for your specific plant type) or a generic N-P-K (nitrogen - phosphorus - potassium)

Fertilize early in the plant's growing cycle - spring for summer plants, fall for winter plants.

For leafy plants, use a fertilizer with a higher nitrogen content (first number) For flowering or fruiting plants, use a fertilizer higher in phosphorous content (middle number) If using a water soluble fertilizer:

1.Mix as directed on container according to directions 2.Wet the leaves and drench soil 3.Repeat

If using a granulated fertilizer:

Scatter a small amount of all-purpose fertilizer lightly under plants from the stem to beyond the outer spread of branches or foliage.

2.Water slowly and deeply.

NOTE: Never over fertilize! You will see lots of weak, leafy growth and few flowers

Caring for Brunfelsia americana

Be prepared to water during prolonged sunny, windy, dry spells even in the winter.

Harvesting

Spring, Fall

Typical uses of Brunfelsia americana

Special features:

Culinary use: perfume

Ornamental use: It is often grown as an ornamental in gardens.

Medicinal use: The fruit is astringent. It has been used as a tonic to cure chronic diarrhoea and stomach problems.

References

<http://tropical.theferns.info/viewtropical.php?id=Brunfelsia+americana>

Reviews

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