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| <b>SPECIES</b>     | Gardenia augusta  |
| <b>COMMON NAME</b> | Common Gardenia   |
| <b>ORIGIN</b>      | Southern China, Taiwan, Japan and regions of subtropical eastern hemisphere |
| <b>DESIGN USE</b>  | As a specimen shrub   |



#### HEIGHT

1–2m

#### SPREAD

1.5–2.5m

#### HABIT

Medium evergreen shrub.

#### FORM

Mature shrubs usually look round, and have a medium texture.

#### FLOWERS

Large axillary, white strongly perfumed flowers; most seen are its double flowered cultivars.

#### FLOWERING PERIOD

Mid-Spring to early Summer over a fairly long season.

#### VARIATIONS

“Variegata” (creamy white and green leaves; fragrant white flowers)

“Radican Variegata” (creamy white leaf margin)

“Golden Magic” (large flowered double cultivars )

“Florida” (1.5m shrub has double white flowers)

“Radicans” (small leaves and double flowers)

“Forevermore” (large strongly perfumed single pinwheel flowers )



#### CLIMATIC TOLERANCES

Drought tolerant and may winter burn if exposed to cold and strong winds. Good air circulation will reduce pest problems.

#### HORTICULTURE

Gardenias require moist fertile, well-drained soil in an open position sheltered from drying winds. Full sun promotes best flowering, but light shade from the hot midday-early afternoon sun is beneficial in hot arid climates, along with generous mulch to cool shallow fibrous root systems. Gardenias are susceptible to a host of pests, primarily sucking insects.



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