



Baby Gabriella Released 2001

Landscape, Courtyard Pots and Baskets

Height in garden 60 cm - 90cm

Baby Gabriella is one of the more unusual of the "Bambino's" because of its Multicolored flowers. Flowers are all shades of Mauve through to White with shades between. They are borne in huge numbers all over the plants but are not continuous - the plant smothers in flower and then has a short rest before coming back into full flower again. Best grown in the full sun position where it can be grown as a formal hedge -- stunning when in flower.

USES:

Baby Gabriella as mentioned above does very well in landscape, pruning can be kept to a minimum as long as the long shoots that appear in the bush from time to time are removed as they appear. As a plant in a large courtyard pot tip pruning on a regular basis will keep the plant shapely and compact.

ZONES:



Pots in warm positions



Gardens or pots



For the Homeowner

- Extremely free flowering
- Blooms right through until cooler months
- Versatile

Planting

Plant in courtyards, patio pots, baskets, garden beds or window boxes.

Placement

Place in bright, full-sun areas.

Temperature

Grows well in cool areas

Heat tolerant to 90-95°C

Frost tolerant to 15°C

Watering

Keep on the dry side to encourage heavier flowering.

Fertilizer

Use slow release fertilizers with an even balance of NPK, they are heavy feeders.

Pruning

Trim as desired, but it is not necessary to maintain flowering.

For the Grower

Planting

Timing : Spring - Summer - Autumn.

Plants per pot: One only

Finish time: 10-12 weeks from potting

Soil: A general shrub mix

pH: Neutral to slightly acid

Light Levels: High, even full sun.

Temperature A growing house with good ventilation and held above 10°C.

Water Requirements Average, avoid wilting.

Fertilizer - either 1 or 2

1. Constant feed: Every two weeks with a general liquid fertilizer.

2. Slow Release: Slow release fertilizer with an NPK ratio in even balance and with trace elements added.

Pinching: Pinch tubes prior to potting. Tip prune to shape the plant as needed.

Growth Regulators: Not needed.

Pest Control: Control aphids. In cool weather if the leaves are wet leaf spot can develop.