

# Gardenia augusta Tinkerbell

**Common Name** Gardenia

**Height** , Miniature Growing (up to 1.5m)

**Spread** , Narrow (up to 1m)

**Growing Conditions** Drought Tolerant, Frost Tolerant, Full Sun, Low Maintenance, Low Water Use, Part Shade, Tolerates Light Frost, Well Drained



## Profile

Naturally rounded plant shape, tough and hardy in full sun or part shade. Excellent as a low hedge, border, or groundcover. Ideal for display tubs, mass planting, bonsai or accent planting. Drought tolerant once established.

Can be grown Australia wide. It is drought hardy once established and tolerant of both heat and frost.

## Uses

Large containers, Fragrant borders, Low hedges, Massed planting, Bird Attracting, Borders, Containers, Evergreen Tree, Exotic, Fragrance, Ground Cover, Hedging, Scented Flowers, Shade, Shrubs, Standard, Topiary

## Planting

Full sun to part shade

Gardenias prefer a rich, well drained soils with a neutral to slightly acidic pH. Heavy soils should be improved with organic matter prior to planting. Raised beds are recommended for very heavy clay soils.

All Gardenias require good drainage. They are intolerant of very heavy or waterlogged soils

Space 50cm apart for a hedge or border.

Planting holes should be approximately twice the size of the pot to be planted and back filled with soil that has been enriched with organic matter. Make sure that the rootball sits no lower than the surrounding soil. Water deeply after transplanting.

## Care

Although drought hardy plants will benefit from regular water during the first 3-6 months after planting out.

Deep watering is best to encourage a strong root system. Soil should be kept moist but not waterlogged.

Mulching is beneficial to reduce moisture loss from the soil and to protect surface roots from extremes of temperature. Mulch should be around 10cm deep but kept 5cm-10cm away from the stem.

Requires no pruning to maintain a neat shape, however if a more formal shape is desired, light pruning after flowering is all that is required.

Gardenias should be fed during spring and summer using a good quality complete fertiliser.

To view the extended profile for this variety follow

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