Golden Angel's Trumpet

Brugmansia aurea



Golden Angel's Trumpet flowers
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Height: 15 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8

Description:

A heat loving variety that likes warm days and cool nights; large dangling golden trumpets emerge in spring and appear until fall; flowers are only fragrant at night; perfect for containers, beds, and borders for a stunning presentation all season

Ornamental Features

Golden Angel's Trumpet features showy fragrant gold trumpet-shaped flowers hanging below the branches from late spring to mid fall. It has attractive green evergreen foliage. The large textured pointy leaves are highly ornamental and remain green throughout the winter.



Golden Angel's Trumpet in bloom
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Landscape Attributes

Golden Angel's Trumpet is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its strikingly bold and coarse texture can be very effective in a balanced landscape composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting hummingbirds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Golden Angel's Trumpet is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Golden Angel's Trumpet will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 2 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is not originally from North America, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets.

Golden Angel's Trumpet makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Its large size and upright habit of growth lend it for use as a solitary accent, or in a composition surrounded by smaller plants around the base and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.