Angel's Trumpet

Brugmansia versicolor



Angel's Trumpet flowers
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Height: 15 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Angel's Tears, Brugmansia arborea

Description:

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

Ornamental Features

Angel's Trumpet features showy fragrant peach trumpet-shaped flowers with creamy white throats hanging below the branches from mid summer to mid fall. Its large pointy leaves remain bluish-green in color throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Angel's Trumpet is a multi-stemmed annual with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its wonderfully bold, coarse texture can be very effective in a balanced garden composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, 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.

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

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

Planting & Growing

Angel's Trumpet will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 3 feet from the ground. Although it's not a true annual, this fast-growing plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant 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. To help this plant achive its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. 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.

Angel's Trumpet is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting 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 growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.