



Emerald Goddess Gardens

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Botanical Name	Allamanda cathartica hendersonii
Common Name	Allamanda Brown Bud
Mature Size	6 feet +
Grown Habit	Quasi Vine
Bloom Color	Bright Yellow
Bloom Period	Late Summer, Early Fall
Boom Form	Bell Shaped
Water	Moderate
Light	Full Sun
USDA Zone	8 & South
Fragrance	Light Evening Fragrance
Uses	Train to Support
Special Features	Bright Color, EZ to Grow
Grower Notes	All Parts are considered toxic*



Bright....sunny....cheerful, are all good adjectives to describe **Allamandas**. The rich yellow colors of the profuse bell shaped flowers echo the shades of the tropical summer sun. The plant is an outstanding tropical shrub that requires little care and thrives in hot humid climates. In the tropics, **Allamandas** bloom through out the year. They are native to Brazil, but are cultivated through out the tropics. There are several different cultivars, some with smaller bushier growth habits, and some other colors. The **Brown Bud** is the most popular, and is somewhat of a classic item in tropical and subtropical landscapes.

The plant has a loose vine-like growth habit. However, it must be secured to a support as it does not put out tendrils and climb like a true vine. Nonetheless, these are very attractive on fences and trellises. Although they can be grown as open unsupported sprawling shrubs, in my opinion, they look their best with some supporting structure. Unchecked, this plant can easily reach heights of more than 6 feet, but are easy to maintain at smaller size. The trumpet shaped flowers are born on the terminal ends of the stems. The name **Brown Bud** comes from the color of the buds, which are a rich golden caramel brown before opening. The flowers only last a day or two, but generally about the time one is spent, another is opening.

Allamandas will thrive in a wide range of soils, but prefer soil ranging from neutral to slightly acid ph. Highly alkaline soils can cause some nutritional issues. .

Direct planting of 4 inch starter size plants is not recommended, so for the best results with your new plant, we recommend it be repotted and allowed to grow larger before setting out in the landscape within the recommended USDA Zone range.

When the new pot has filled with roots and the plant is larger, then here a few hints for successful growing in the landscape. can be grown as a potted plant indefinitely.

- Plant in fertile well draining, slightly acidic soil. Amend with high quality organic material as needed.
- Locate in full sun to very lightly dappled shade.
- Provide supplemental irrigation until well established.
- Feed a good quality, slow release, bloom boosting fertilize with the initial planting and twice yearly in the early Spring and early Fall thereafter.
- Prune lightly and often when young to encourage branching and after flowering to promote uniform shape and control size.
- Protect from frost and freeze until very well established. Well established plants will generally resprout from the roots within the recommended USDA Zone Range.

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*Toxicity information generally known within the horticultural trade and gardening circles is provided for reference purposes only. Experts in the field of plant toxicology should be consulted when scientifically reliable, detailed or emergency information is needed.

This plant is intended for use as an ornamental, decorative item only. Emerald Goddess Gardens does not recommend nor endorse any other uses.

Care of Your New Plant

Here are a few basic guidelines for handling and caring for your new plant:

Direct planting of 4 inch starter size plants or plugs directly into the landscape is not recommended, with a few exceptions. So, for the best results with your new plant we suggest that it be repotted into a larger pot and allowed to grow larger until the new pot is filled with roots before setting out.

Check the recommended USDA Zone Range for the plant. Many gardeners are able to successfully grow plants outside their recommended Zones, but this is dependent upon providing the type of environment and care the plant needs.

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- Immediately repot the new plant into a 6 inch to 10 inch diameter pot (a 6 inch pot is the recommended size for starter plugs) that can drain easily and thoroughly.
- Use a good quality commercial potting media.
- Apply a high quality, slow release plant food according to the label directions. Do not use hot, all chemical fertilizers like 6-6-6 or 10-10-10.
- Locate so that the plant can receive direct, full spectrum light for several hours daily, but is protected from hot, direct afternoon sun.
- Maintain consistent and uniform moisture in the soil. Take care not to over water.
- Packing crystals may be reused to conserve water, but do so with caution as they hold 6000 times their weight in water.
- If reusing the crystals, mix and incorporate them thoroughly throughout the potting media.
- Be sure the pot can drain and that the bottom of the pot does not sit submerged in water for more than a few hours.
- Supplement feed with a water soluble plant food every 2-3 weeks according to the label directions.
- Prune or pinch lightly and often when the plant is young and actively growing to strengthen the central stalk and encourage branching and build uniform shape.
- Monitor for signs of disease or insects and treat accordingly.
- Protect from frost and freeze, as even cold tolerant plants can be damaged by cold, and tropicals will perform better, flower earlier, and live longer within their Zone Range when protected from cold temperatures.

Many tropical and subtropical plants can be grown as potted plants indefinitely, and can be successfully wintered over indoors in colder climates, so long as they are moved indoors well ahead of temps into the 30°F's, are maintained in warm environment (minimum 40°F) with adequate, full spectrum light, consistent soil moisture is maintained, and any pest or disease issue are promptly and properly addressed.

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