



## Emerald Goddess Gardens

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Botanical Name	Gelsemium sempervirens
Common Name	North Carolina Jasmine
Mature Size	12' x 12'
Bloom Color	Bright Yellow
Bloom Period	Spring
Boom Form	Trumpet Shaped
Water	Moderate Until Established
Light	Full Sun to Light Shade
USDA Zone	7B thru 9
Fragrance	Moderately
Uses	Trellis, Fences, Arbor, Supports
Special Features	Easy to grow
Grower Notes	All parts are considered toxic



**Carolina Jasmine** is a yellow blooming tendriled vine that is native to many southern states from Virginia to Florida and west to Texas. It goes largely unnoticed all year until it bursts out in bright yellow swags of inch long trumpet shaped flowers hanging through the trees in upland woods and near river banks in the spring. It is a quick growing, easy to establish vine that will quickly cover trellises, arbors, walls or climb in nearby trees. The natural growth habit is to climb and cascade, so it needs little coaxing. However it is a fairly well behaved fine growing vine that can be safely used on porches, mailboxes, patios and decks and entry arches. It is easily adapted to container growing, and looks amazing trellised in pots. It can also be used as ground cover and as a erosion stabilizing planting on steep embankments.

Although it is commonly called a *jasmine*, this plant is a member of the Loganiaceae family and is not truly a jasmine. It is called a '*False Jasmine*' due to the light jasmine like fragrance. Other common names are **Carolina Jessamine, Poor Man's Rope, Yellow Jessamine or Evening Trumpet Flower.**

- 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. When direct planting 4 inch pots into the ground, careful attention should be given to maintaining consistent moisture until the plant becomes well established.
- Feed a good quality, slow release, bloom boosting fertilize with the initial planting and then yearly in the early Spring,
- Prune lightly and often when young to encourage branching and after flowering to promote uniform shape and control size.

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## 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.

- 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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