

Emerald Goddess Gardens

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A Gift from Our Garden

Botanical Name	Mussaenda glabra
Common Name	White Winged Mussaenda
Mature Size	2 to 3 ft.
Bloom Color	White, Yellow
Bloom Period	Perpetual
Bloom Form	Flower and Colored Sepal
Water	High
Light	Full Sun to Light Shade
Fragrance	None
Uses	Bedding, Borders, Mixed Perennials, Potted
Special Features	Interesting, Easy to Grow
USDA Hardiness	10, 11



This pretty little plant is one of about 100 different species of the genus **Mussaenda**. This large genus of plants, mostly native to Africa and Asia contains many interesting and varied types. Taxonomy is muddled with many conflicting opinions amongst experts as to what belongs where. Several types have recently been moved into a newly established genus of *Bremeria*. For the sake of some degree of clarity, we will rely on the references of Dr. Christian Puff, as he is one of the best known taxonomist in the Rubiaceae family, and use the name that is the most 'official' in so far as we know, which is **Musseanda glabra**. It is also referenced as **Musseanda lutea** (which just means yellow), *Musseanda luteola*, *Musseanda incna* and *Pseudomussaenda flava*. It is commonly called **White Winged Mussaenda**.

Mussaenda glabra is dwarf growing type, as Mussaendas go, that is, as many other plants in the genus are large tree like shrubs. Mussaenda glabra will reach a mature height of about 2 to 3 feet. It has bright green pointed foliage and dense and leafy growth habit. The flowers are small bright yellow funnels surrounded by a paler butter to creamy white, unusual, long, winged shaped, green veined sepal. This plant is native to India and Malaysia and was introduced into the South Florida commercial landscape industry a few years ago. It was originally touted to be a Florida Native, and while it does thrive in the tropical South Florida climate, it is not native to that area.

This plant makes a bright and cheerful addition in many different applications. Use it to bring almost constant texture and color to borders and mixed perennial beds, or use at a seasonal potted accent plant for the porch or patio.

Mussaenda glabra is very tropical and can be damaged by even mildly cold temperatures in the mid 30's. It is a frequently grown as an annual in Zones 7, 8 and 9, due to it's quick growth, compact size, and nearly perpetual bloom.

Find a larger starter size **White Winged Mussaenda** on our website and skip the wait to maturity on your starter plug!
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For quick answers to your growing or planting questions, just email us at service@emeraldgoddessgardens.com

If you don't know your USDA Planting Zone, you can check the map on our website site at emeraldgoddessgardens.com

Please accept this gift from our garden:

- It is sent with our thanks, and in an effort to keep the old tradition of pass-along plants alive.
- We understand that it might not be a plant you like, or even have spot for. If that should be the case, then please pass it along to a friend. (Along with our contact information, we hope!)
- We change the type of plant that we enclose frequently, so you can anticipate a new surprise with each new order.
- *Enjoy, and please come back often!*

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Care of your starter plug:

Direct planting of starter plugs directly into landscaped is not recommended. So, for the best results with your new starter plug, 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.

- Immediately re-pot the new plant into a 6-8 inch diameter pot 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.
- Locate so that the plant can receive direct, full spectrum, light for several hours daily, but is protected from hot, direct afternoon sun.
- 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 day
- 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 strength the central stalk and encourage branching and build uniform shape.
- Monitor for signs of disease or insects and treat accordingly
- Protect from freeze and frost
- Allow the new plot to fill with roots before setting out in the landscape in the recommended USDA Zone Range.
Gift plants are our courtesy way of saying Thank You and that we appreciate your order, and are not covered by any Warranty that may apply to your paid order. We hope you will enjoy.