

Brugmansia: Warm Growing Species

Warm growing species include *B. Suaveolens*, *B. Insignis*, *B. Versicolor*, *B. Aurea*, and hybrid cultivated varieties of these, which all grow well in a UK summer. Each species has slightly different growing conditions.

B. Suaveolens is originally endemic to the coastal rainforests of southeast Brazil, where it grows below 1,000 m (3,300 ft) along river banks and forest edges with warm temperatures, high humidity, and heavy rainfall.



Left: *Brugmansia Suaveolens* 'Frosty Pink' **Right:** *Brugmansia* 'Charles Grimaldi' (*A x cubensis* – *B. Versicolor*, *B. Aurea* & *B. Suaveolens*)

B. insignis is predominantly found in gardens in the Andean foothills of western Amazonia where it is an important plant in indigenous medicine and rituals.

B. versicolor is found in the Northwestern Amazonian rainforest, primarily in Ecuador and northern Peru.

B. Aurea is native to the highland areas around the Andes mountain range in South America.

All warm growing species originate from high humidity warm regions but frosts are unlikely due to the shelter of the rainforest, cloud forest and altitude. In their native habitat these warm growing species require a lot of water and we recommend frequently watering during the hot summer months and regularly feeding to encourage flowers.

The image below is a heat tolerance chart relating to different *Brugmansia* species. Notably *B. Insignis* is the most tender and difficult to grow in the UK but other species have a better tolerance levels. For reference, *Candida* is a two species *Brugmansia* of *B. Versicolor* and *B. Aurea*.

