

Caring for your Brugmansia

B. Suaveolens Plant Care

This Angel Trumpet was originally endemic to the coastal rainforests of south-east 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.

Like other large-leaved, fast-growing plants, they appreciate a little protection from the wind, as well as from the hottest afternoon sun. They prefer organically rich soil, frequent water, and heavy fertilizer when in full growth.

This is a warm species and prefers a temperature range of 5C to 30C. The flowers are remarkably beautiful, sweetly fragrant, about 30 cm long and shaped like trumpets. Flowers can range in colour from white, cream, yellow and pale orange or even pale pink



Brugmansia are ideal for large containers. Repot into rich potting compost and position in a sunny spot. Water freely from spring to autumn and apply a balanced liquid fertiliser. We use a daily dose of tomato feed to encourage flower growth.

Overwintering

Brugmansia is hardy to a minimum of 3C with no problems. If temperatures fall lower the plant will lose its leaves. In the UK overwinter in a heated greenhouse or conservatory to retain leaves and slow growth. Otherwise fleece the plant removing all the foliage and place in a garage, shed or unheated greenhouse. This will protect it through the coldest parts of winter. Water sparingly and start to remove the fleece when spring returns to promote new growth.

Pests

Slugs and snails can be deterred by using potting grit on the surface around the plant, slug pellets or beer traps. Caterpillars can affect all plants. Red Spider Mite can be treated with garden centre pest sprays.

Toxicity

All parts of the plant are highly toxic if ingested and sap may be an irritant. **Always** wash hands after handling the plant, flowers, or seeds. Supervision of young children and pets around these plants is advised.

B.Suaveolens Recorded 100yr Distribution Map

