

# Caring for your Brugmansia Sanguinea

## B.Sanguinea Plant Care

B.Sanguinea is native to the midland and lowland areas around the Andes mountain range in S. America. It grows wildly throughout Bolivia, Chile, Columbia, Ecuador, and Peru. It has also been found growing at sea level in Chile. They are endemic to the Andes mountains from Colombia to northern Chile at elevations from 2,000 to 3,000 m.



B.Sanguinea comes from higher elevations than typical Brugmansias, so it is used to mild daytime temperatures (10°C - 20°C), and nights that are cool (5°C). Temperatures above the 23°C can inhibit flowering, and the plant might decline if temperatures are consistently above 30°C, especially if nights are warm. For this reason we recommend positioning in semi-shade in the hottest part of summer. A west facing position would be ideal to protect from the midday sun, allow the evening sun to be soaked and protected from cold easterlies.

B. Sanguinea is ideal for large containers or in the ground in a frost free location. 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 regular dose of tomato feed to encourage flower growth.

## Overwintering

Brugmansia Sanguinea is hardier than other species and will be ok to a minimum of 2C with no problems. If temperatures fall lower the plant may lose its leaves, this is fine as Brugmansia go into dormancy during cold winters. In the UK overwinter in a greenhouse or conservatory to retain leaves and slow growth. Otherwise lightly fleece the plant removing all the foliage and place in a light 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 (remove by hand!). 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.

## Brugmansia Sanguinea Distribution



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