



Brown Bud Allamanda

Allamanda cathartica

Height: 12 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 9b

Other Names: Yellow Allamanda, Yellow Bell, Buttercup Flower

Description:

This attractive vine produces volumes of fragrant yellow trumpet flowers nearly all year long; does not twine and requires a trellis or fence for support; perfect for cascading over walls; can also be maintained as a low cover

Ornamental Features

Brown Bud Allamanda features showy clusters of fragrant yellow trumpet-shaped flowers with gold throats along the branches from early spring to late fall. It has attractive dark green evergreen foliage. The glossy pointy leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Brown Bud Allamanda is a multi-stemmed evergreen woody vine with a twining and trailing habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance woody vine, and may require the occasional pruning to look its best. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Brown Bud Allamanda is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Brown Bud Allamanda flowers
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Planting & Growing

Brown Bud Allamanda will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. As a climbing vine, it tends to be leggy near the base and should be underplanted with low-growing facer plants. It should be planted near a fence, trellis or other landscape structure where it can be trained to grow upwards on it, or allowed to trail off a retaining wall or slope. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years.

This woody vine does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America.

Brown Bud Allamanda makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.