

North Carolina
Extension Gardener
Plant Toolbox

Mandevilla sanderi

Common Name(s): Mandevilla

Previously known as: *Dipladenia sanderi*; *Mandevilla splendens*

Phonetic Spelling

man-de-VILL-uh SAN-dair-ee

Description

A tropical vine that is commonly grown as a houseplant in temperate regions. If grown outdoors, plant in a container as they are cold sensitive; bring indoors in areas with frost and allow soil to dry out during the winter. Prune before placing back outdoors in the spring. Prefers moist, well-drained soil appreciates afternoon shade in hot humid climates. Tolerant of coastal conditions; Provide plenty of water in summer.

Indoors they need bright indirect light, average room temperature, and high humidity. Soil should remain moist but not soggy. Pinch gangly growth back for a more bushy habit. It may need a trellis or stake to remain upright.

Insects, Diseases, and Other Plant Problems: No major problems but can attract mealybugs, aphids and scale insects.

Deck Garden

Cultivars / Varieties:

'Alice du Pont', 'Janet', 'Leah', 'Peter Pan', 'Rita Mae Green', 'Sun Parasol Crimson', 'Sun Parasol Pink'



Dipladenia sanderi 'sunparasolpink'

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Attributes:

Genus:

Mandevilla

Species:

sanderi

Family:

Apocynaceae

Life Cycle:

Woody

Country Or Region Of Origin:

Brazil (Rio de Janeiro)

Wildlife Value:

When planted outdoors the tubular showy flowers attract hummingbirds and butterflies.

Climbing Method:

Twining

Dimensions:

Height: 3 ft. 0 in. - 10 ft. 0 in.

Width: 3 ft. 0 in. - 4 ft. 0 in.

Whole Plant Traits:

Plant Type:

Houseplant

Vine

Woody Plant Leaf Characteristics:

Broadleaf Evergreen

Habit/Form:

Cascading

Dense

Spreading

Maintenance:

Medium

Texture:

Medium

Cultural Conditions:

Light:

Full sun (6 or more hours of direct sunlight a day)

Partial Shade (Direct sunlight only part of the day, 2-6 hours)

Soil Drainage:

Good Drainage

Available Space To Plant:

3 feet-6 feet

6-feet-12 feet

NC Region:

Coastal

USDA Plant Hardiness Zone:

10a, 10b, 11a, 11b

Flowers:

Flower Color:

Gold/Yellow

Pink

Red/Burgundy

White

Flower Value To Gardener:

Showy

Flower Bloom Time:

Summer

Flower Shape:

Funnel

Tubular

Flower Petals:

4-5 petals/rays

Flower Size:

3-6 inches

Flower Description:

Flowers large and showy, funnel or tubular-shaped, 5-parted rounded lobes, variously colored, usually white to rose with a yellow center

Leaves:

Woody Plant Leaf Characteristics:

Broadleaf Evergreen

Leaf Color:

Green

Leaf Feel:

Glossy

Leaf Type:

Simple

Leaf Arrangement:

Alternate

Leaf Shape:

Oblong

Leaf Margin:

Entire

Hairs Present:

No

Leaf Length:

> 6 inches

Leaf Description:

Fine pointed wrinkled leaves are deep green and glossy. 3'-8" long

Stem:

Stem Color:

Green

Stem Is Aromatic:

No

Stem Description:

Milky sap exudes when cut

Landscape:

Landscape Location:

Container

Vertical Spaces

Landscape Theme:

Butterfly Garden

Pollinator Garden

Attracts:

Butterflies

Hummingbirds

Pollinators