

Tips for Success

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Water: Water your plants immediately after taking them out of the box. Give them enough water so that the soil appears damp and water trickles out the bottom of the pot. Generally once or twice a week outside during the summer months and once a week while indoors during the winter months is sufficient.

Plants look Dry or Foliage appears Lackluster: Sometimes plants may appear dried out and wilted after the voyage. Do not despair. When this happens the foliage may look lackluster but the rootstock is still perfectly healthy and alive. To plump your plants back up, water them and wait 5 minutes and then water them again. This will generally rehydrate them. Keep these plants well-watered until you can re-plant them into larger containers or in the garden within the next week. If plants arrive dry, it is often because the roots have outgrown the small shipping pots and need more room to grow; roots tend to dry out quickly in small containers. Your plants are very much alive and when you transplant them into larger pots or the earth, they will start growing quickly! So, re-plant them as soon as possible. Remove any yellow or brown foliage.

Indoors/Outdoors? These Stephanotis prefer to be placed outside in the full sun during the warm spring and summer months. And then when autumn arrives and night temperatures dip below 50F, bring them inside and place in a sunny window. They may be grown indoors year round as well, but they will grow much slower in this scenario. If you live where winters stay warm, they can be kept outside all year.

Support Structures These are climbing, vining plants and should be given some support in order to grow their best. You can make a small trellis with bamboo stakes, use an old wire clothes hanger or any other creative thing you can think of!

Hawaiian Stephanotis Plant Hands down the longest blooming fragrant flower houseplant we grow! The Stephanotis is a tropical vining plant that produces white tubular flowers with a jasmine and gardenia fragrance on and off all year long. Perfectly content in a sunny window, providing it a small trellis or stakes will allow it to climb around, producing its thick leathery green foliage that is oh so lovely. This is a favorite of weddings for its heavenly scented white blooms. And it's remarkably pest free compared to other flowering houseplants!



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Hawaiian Stephanotis Plant
Stephanotis floribunda

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You can email questions to us at: customerservice@robertasinc.com.

If your bulbs, cuttings, etc. do not sprout, or your plant dies within 90 days from the date of shipment, we will send you a replacement free of charge. We cannot accept responsibility for losses due to extreme weather or neglect. Simply call us at the above toll free number or fill out the plant replacement form on our website at RobertasUniqueGardens.com.

Roberta's will replace it with a similar or comparable plant at no charge. If your replacement is not available or it is too late in the season to ship, it will ship the following year.

Annual and Tropical Plants



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Quick Reference

 **Plant Type** Tropical

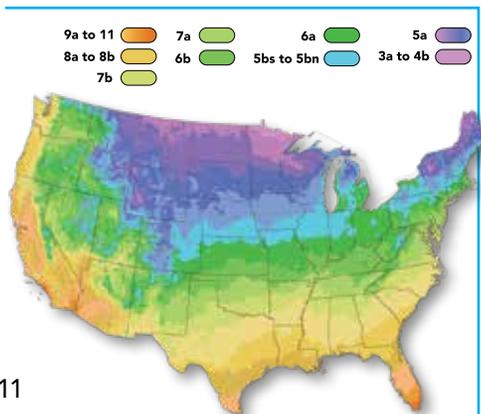
 **Light/Sun** Full Sun to Partial Sun

 **Mature Height** 36-60"

 **Mature Spread** 12-24"

 **Bloom Time** Spring to Fall

 **USDA Hardiness Zones** 10 to 11



Plant Caretaking

Upon Arrival: Please take plants out of the box immediately and remove any shipping materials from around the plants. Give them some water and place them in a warm shaded area for 1-2 days before replanting.

Planting Depth & Spacing: Only plant directly in the garden if your winter temperatures remain above freezing. Dig a hole deep enough so that the entire root ball can easily fit in the hole. Backfill the rest of the hole with additional soil, ensuring that no roots are exposed to the air. In the garden, space about 2' apart.

Potted Plants: Make sure your container has holes to allow excess water to drain. Plant individually in 6-8" containers or plant multiple together in larger containers. You may transplant them into slightly larger containers each year.

Soil Preparation: If your soil is clayish, amend it with standard potting mix to improve drainage.

Watering: To determine if your plant needs water, put your finger in the top of the soil and if the top inch is dry, it is time to water. It is important to make sure young plants do not experience long periods of dryness. However, they also do not like soggy conditions. During the active growing months in spring and summer they prefer to stay moist. They will need less water in the fall and winter. They also like to be misted just about everyday with a hand mister if possible.

Fertilizer: Use Roberta's Bounty a couple weeks after planting and then once or twice a month all summer long.

Pet Considerations: Ensure your pets do not consume plants. Some plants are toxic to pets. Do your diligence to protect your pet.

While Indoors Place plants in the brightest window possible. Allow soil to completely dry out between watering.

Pruning The best time to prune is early spring just before during active growth period. Pruning need not occur but is highly recommended as it does encourage new growth and branching. New growth will flower. You can cut as little or as much of the plant back as you want depending on the size you desire.

Planting Steps

Step 1 Remove plants from their box and take off other packing materials. Open your box outside or somewhere you don't mind getting messy, as some of the soil may have been shaken loose in transit.

Step 2 Check if your plant is thirsty. They probably need a nice drink of water after their voyage. If the plant feels light or the soil is dry to the touch, give your plants a watering.

Step 3 Allow your plants time to adjust to their new home before re-planting by placing them in a warm shaded spot for 1-2 days. Then they will be ready for re-planting with renewed vigor.

Step 4 Pull away or cut off any yellow or brown leaves, or any old flowers - this is normal.

Step 5 Transplant each plant individually into 6" pots or combine together into larger containers. If you live where winters stay above freezing you may plant directly in the garden. Dig holes the width of the root ball and deep enough so that the original top of the soil is flush with the new soil line. Water the new location before and after planting your plant. This will help the young roots stay hydrated. Once you've placed your plant in the hole, fill in the rest of the hole with extra soil or potting mix, ensuring the entire root system is covered with soil. These Stephanotis like to be outside during the warm summer weather, as long as night temperatures are above 50F. Bring indoors if night temperatures are expected to be below that.

It is a good idea to give them some sort of support structure to grow up. You may use a trellis, or even a clothes hanger!

