

**Trachelospermum jasminoides**

*Trachelospermum jasminoides* is commonly known as the Star Jasmine due to its constellation of white, perfumed star shape flowers that cover the plant in summer. There is nothing more alluring then the scent of jasmin on a beautiful summers evening and *Trachelospermum jasminoides* will give this to you in abundance when planted in a garden.

Star jasmin is a vigorous, evergreen twining climber with glossy green leaves. It can be left to grow as a ground cover or to easily cover steep embankments where it will form a scented carpet. It can be encouraged to grow up to 3m on a trellis, fence or patio pillar or trained into topiaries and standards.

Star Jasmine is very versitile with regards to position and will cope with full sun, semi-shade or total shade. Just remember that more shade will mean slightly less flowers. Should one need to prune be sure to do so after flowering, this is sometimes necessary to keep it neat and tidy.

This plant is not fussy about the soil it grows in but does prefer well drained soil. It needs moderate water and once established is wonderfully drought tolerant. Water sparingly in winter and allow the soil to dry out between watering.

Star Jasmine flowers in spring and then continues well into the summer months. The Chinese, Vietnamese and Thai people extract valuable perfume oil from their delicately scented flowers.

Star Jasmine is a versatile plant that is easy to grow and very rewarding. With the added advantage of fragrance it would be irrational not to have one in your garden!