



# BAMBINO boug

**Marlu** (b) Released Spring 2001  
Landscape, Courtyard Pots and Baskets  
Height in garden 60 cm - 90cm

**Marlu** (b) is one of the more unusual of the “Bambino’s” because of its Multicoloured flowers. Flowers are all shades of Mauve through to White with shades between. They are borne in huge numbers all over the plants but are not continuous - the plant smothers in flower and then has a short rest before coming back into full flower again. Best grown in the full sun position where it can be grown as a formal hedge -- stunning when in flower.

**USES:-** **Marlu** (b) as mentioned above does very well in landscape, pruning can be kept to a minimum as long as the long shoots that appear in the bush from time to time are removed as they appear. As a plant in a large courtyard pot tip pruning on a regular basis will keep the plant shapely and compact.

### ZONES:-



In Gardens



In gardens  
and pots



### *For the Homeowner*

- Extremely free flowering
- Blooms right through until cooler months
- Versatile

#### **Planting**

Plant in courtyards, patio pots, baskets, garden beds or window boxes.

#### **Placement**

Place in bright, full-sun areas.

#### **Temperature**

Grows well in cool areas

Heat tolerant to 90-95°C

Frost tolerant to 15°C

#### **Watering**

Keep on the dry side to encourage heavier flowering.

#### **Fertiliser**

Use slow release fertilisers with an even balance of NPK, they are heavy feeders.

#### **Pruning**

Trim as desired, but it is not necessary to maintain flowering.

### *For the Grower*

#### **Planting**

**Timing :** Spring - Summer - Autumn.

**Plants per pot:** One only

**Finish time:** 10-12 weeks from potting

**Soil:** A general shrub mix

**pH:** Neutral to slightly acid

**Light Levels:** High, even full sun.

**Temperature** A growing house with good ventilation and held above 10°C.

**Water Requirements** Average, avoid wilting.

#### **Fertiliser - either 1 or 2**

**1. Constant feed:** Every two weeks with a general liquid fertiliser.

**2. Slow Release:** Slow release fertiliser with an NPK ratio in even balance and with trace elements added.

**Pinching:** Pinch tubes prior to potting. Tip prune to shape the plant as needed.

**Growth Regulators:** Not needed.

**Pest Control:** Control aphids. In cool weather if the leaves are wet leaf spot can develop.