



BAMBINO bougs

Baby Elena Released 1998

Landscape, Courtyard Pots, Formal Standards and Baskets.
Height in garden 1m

Baby Elena is another of the “Bambino” range with it’s Multicolored flowers, they are pink and white and are borne by the plant in great confusion over many months of the year. **Baby Elena** goes best in full sun. In shady areas while it will grow all right it does not flower as well. It is another of the “Bambino” collection that sends up long shoots from the base which need removal as they appear. If this is done the plant is easily kept to a nice compact and full shape. If planted in a drift amongst others of the collection it does well and stands out. **Baby Elena** flowers heavily all over the bush, completely covering the foliage from time to time with short rests between the bursts of flower.

USES:- **Baby Elena** is a very useful plant in landscape because it is so easy to grow and it has such different colored flowers to most Bougainvilleas. It is also easily grown in a large courtyard pot or as a hanging basket. **Baby Elena** will take a little longer to grow into a formal standard but is well worth the effort.

ZONES:



Pots in
warm
positions



Gardens
or 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. Formed standards.

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.

Fertilizer

Use slow release fertilizers 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.

Fertilizer - either 1 or 2

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

2. Slow Release: Slow release fertilizer 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.