

Botanical name:
Genus: Bougainville
**Species: buttiana/
spectabilis**

Common Name(s): Bougainville,
Paper flower
Latin Family Name:
Nyctaginaceae
or Bougainvillea family
English Family Name: Bougainville

The plant

Origin; country or region: Native to Tropical South America

Growth habit: A tropical perennial shrubby vine

Flower description: Showy, papery flowers are found in clusters of three. Many colours are available- pink, magenta, purple, red, orange, white, or yellow

Blooming period/availability: Perennial (on and off all year)

Leaf/Foliage Description: Simple, leathery, papery

Usage : A very common and popular ornamental outdoor plant in India, admired for their glory

A variety of colours and sizes are available

Dazzling colours

STRENGTHS/OPPORTUNITIES:

They need no care and no culture- Bougainvillea are hardy plants

Once established care is minimum

Makes an excellent addition to a pool or patio space

Works well for Rock Wall, Slope/Bank, Vertical Spaces

WEAKNESS:

Bougainvillea is best suited to a hot, dry climate

thorns can be painful

They have very few and fine roots,
if these break - plants may die

They need the occasional
pruning to keep them in check



Better suited for the balconies & outdoor gardens (not as an indoor plant)

Lack of flowering is commonly due to the plant not receiving enough sun and heat. Bougies love it and need both to bloom

Care & Handling

Longevity: 5 years plus

Water requirements: Water absolutely less, quite drought tolerant

It is okay if the leaves wilt a little

The water stress makes them flower more.

Light: Abundance of sunlight

Soil/Nutrition requirements: Regular potting soil

Special care/remarks: Care should be taken while planting new plants-do not break the soil ball

Avoid planting next to trees as they may climb up and take over the tree

Pruning should be done after the flowering is over

