



Everblooming Gardenia *Gardenia jasminoides* 'Veitchii'

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<u>Hardiness</u>	<u>Exposure</u>	<u>Soil</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Height</u>
Zones 6-9, 12-16, 18-24, H1, H2	Full sun or partial shade	Hard to grow in alkaline or adobe desert soils	Regular to ample watering	Rose like 1 ½ - 2" wide, pure white blossoms, from late spring to fall	3-4 ½ feet tall

These are tender shrubs from China, Japan, tropical and South Africa. They grow into bushes or small trees. They have ovate, glossy, dark green leaves and large, white, waxy, fragrant flowers that can be single or double. Gardenias are rarely successful when grown as houseplants. Lack of humidity is a big part of that, but other reasons may include drafts, fluctuating temperatures, insufficient sunlight, and keeping the required acidity of the soil. The hothouse plant, *Gardenia jasminoides* (Veitchii), requires a minimum temperature of 60 degrees. It is mainly winter flowering and is often sold in bloom at Easter. *Gardenia jasminoides* Fortuniana is often more successful. It blooms during the summer and may be grown in the North in large pots or tubs, which are set outdoors in summer and brought into a frost-free, cool, light cellar or similar place in the winter.