



Santa Rosa County Cooperative Extension Teaching and Demonstration Gardens



Dwarf Variegated Gardenia 'Radicans' Gardenia jasminoides 'Radicans'

This low-growing, spreading variety of gardenia is perfect for ground cover, borders and container planting, adding beauty with its small, fragrant white flowers from late spring to summer. Gardenias do not tolerate coastal conditions or water with high salts (e.g., water from water softeners, irrigation water from certain reclaimed water systems, or salt-intruded wells). An acidic soil pH between 5.0 and 6.5 is required or their foliage will yellow. Gardenias are toxic to dogs, cats and horses when ingested.

Type: evergreen woody perennial

USDA hardiness zones: 7b through 11b

Uses: border; container; pollinator garden;

planter; accent; specimen

Origin: native to Asia

Height: 2 to 3 feet Spread: 2 to 4 feet

Plant spacing: 1 to 3 feet

Light requirement: full sun

Soil tolerances: acid; moist but well drained;

high organic matter

Drought tolerance: moderate

Soil salt tolerance: poor

Invasive potential: Not invasive

Pest resistance: susceptible to spider mites, aphids, scale insects, mealybugs, nematodes, powdery mildew, leaf spot, sooty mold androot

rot

MORE INFORMATION



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