

Carolina Jessamine

Spring is almost upon us and we are all getting the itch to plant. A word of caution: even though we have had warmer temperatures, watch out for late frosts. However, Carolina Jessamine is a great plant for those of you who have colder temperatures. It has beautiful bright yellow fragrant flowers and glossy green foliage. It is great for a mail box planting or trellis.

Size: 15 – 20 ft.

Exposure: Full sun to partial shade

How to Plant: Plant from containers.

Fertilize: Fertilize sparingly, perhaps once or twice a year.

Propagation: Root ball divisions.

Water needs: Regular watering when young, but will take much less when mature.

Soil: Average to leaner soils.

Snapshot: Carolina Jessamine is native to the southeastern U.S. It has fragrant yellow tubular flowers that bloom from spring into late summer. It may have a few blooms in fall. The vines grow moderately and have a tendency to get top heavy. If this occurs, just cut it back severely. The leaves are shiny green and grow in pairs about 1-4 inches long. The plant has an arching appearance and blooms better in full sun. Grows in zones 4 – 24. Caution! All parts of this plant are poisonous if ingested.

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