

CULTURE ADVICE

Mandevilla

Description:	Inter-specific Mandevilla hybrid (synonym: Dipladenia), heat-demanding special culture of good growth characteristics and bright colours. Container plant flowering from summer to winter, grows also in hanging baskets or in combinations. Low water and care demand. Also half-shaded places pose no problem. Indoors, hibernation is possible in well-lighted places (12 - 14 °C).
Potting:	10/11 cm pots; weeks 5 - 8 (for sale late in May); use well-draining pots.
Substrate:	Well-draining substrate of type 2. pH value: < 5.5
Fertilization:	Moderately consumptive, apply a complete fertilizer (max. 0,15 %) twice a week.
Temperature:	20 °C for 2 to 3 weeks, finish cultivation at 18 - 20 °C.
Light:	Full light, no shadow.
Flowering:	Starts in mid-/late May depending on light conditions (if no supplementary light is used).
Growth regulators:	Recommended is a support rack of a maximum horizontal extension, especially for cultivation in large containers. Regalis 0.25 % offered the best inhibition with the least applications. Apply Caramba 0.05 % or Topflor 0.05 % - 0.1% to control flower brightening at cultivation end.
Pinching:	Pinching is not recommended. Only the excessively long shoots should be removed.
Diseases / pest:	Botrytis, lice, white fly; Take hygienic measures!

Water balance is of importance; the plants must not stand too wet, danger of botrytis, damage to roots and irregular plant build-up are the consequences.

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