



## STEPHANOTIS FLORIBUNDA



**Botanical name:** *Stephanotis floribunda*

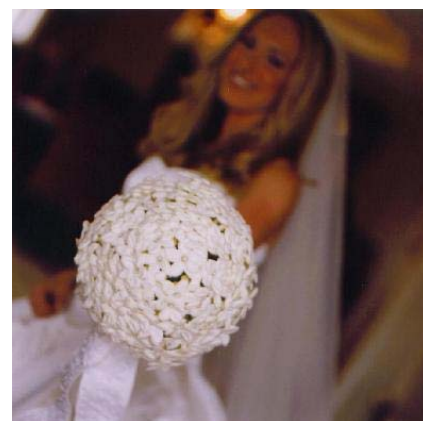
**Family:** Asclepiadaceae

**Common Name:** Stephanotis, Madagascar Jasmine

**Country of Origin:** Madagascar

**Available:** December to March

**Stem Length:** 30 to 50cm



Stephanotis look very similar to Bouvardia, but have larger flowers, are more fragrant and only come in white. They are very popular bridal flowers, particularly in bridal bouquets.

The plant is a vine, and branches are cut off for sale. Leaves are dark green and slightly curled. The trumpet-shaped flowers are borne in clusters of 4 or more at the ends of branches. They only come in white or cream, but it is the sweet fragrance that is the real attraction of these flowers.

The scent is strongly reminiscent of the true jasmine, *Jasminum officinale*, hence the common name. However, these species are not at all related: Stephanotis belongs to the milkweed family, Asclepiadaceae, while the Jasmines are members of the olive family, Oleaceae.

Stephanotis is grown under cover in glass or poly houses. Most are grown in Victoria, NSW and QLD.



### WHEN BUYING LOOK FOR:

- At least 2 flowers per stem are fully open;
- Strong fragrance;
- Avoid bunches with marked or brown flowers and yellow leaves.

### FLOWER CARE

1. Keep cool at all times.
2. Strip leaves from the bottom half of each stem.

3. Recut 2cm off each stem with sharp secateurs, and place in cold water immediately.
4. Preservative is essential - it will help buds to open and maintain scent.
5. Replace water every day.
6. These flowers are very sensitive to ethylene. Keep them away from fruit, car exhausts and cigarette smoke.

### INTERESTING FACTS & MYTHS

This flower is a symbol for marital happiness, and in the Language of Flowers means 'good luck'. The name Stephanotis comes from the Greek: stephonos meaning 'crown' and otos which is 'ear'; a 'crown of ears' which it faintly resembles.

# FLOWER AVAILABILITY LIST

NAME	STEMS PER	AVAILABILITY
ACHILLEA	10	GOOD
AGAPANTHUS	10	GOOD
AGERATUM	10	LIGHT
ALLIUM - GIANT	PER STEM	LIGHT
ALLIUM - MINI	5	GOOD
ALLIUM - DRUMSTICK	PER STEM	GOOD
ALSTROEMERIA	SML - 7, LGE - 10	GOOD
AMARANTHUS	10	LIGHT
ANTHURIUM	PER STEM	GOOD
ARABS EYES	5	GOOD
ARUM LILIES	5	GOOD
BANKSIA - BAXTERI	PER STEM	GOOD
BANKSIA - COCCINEA	5	GOOD
BANKSIA - HOOKERIANA	PER STEM	GOOD
BANKSIA - MENZIESII	PER STEM	GOOD
BANKSIA - SPECIOSA	PER STEM	GOOD
BILLY BUTTONS	20	GOOD
BLUSHING BRIDE	5	LIGHT
BOUVARDIA	7-12	GOOD
BRUNIA	10	GOOD
CALLA LILY	10	GOOD
CARNATION HEADS	BOX	GOOD
CARNATION - MICRO	10	GOOD
CARNATION - FIELD		GOOD
CARNATION - SPRAY		GOOD
CARNATION - CHINESINI	10-15	GOOD
CARNATION - FIELD		GOOD
CARNATION - SIM		GOOD
CELOSIA - COCKSCOMB	5	GOOD
CELOSIA - PLUME	5	GOOD
CHINCERINCHEE	5	GOOD
CHRYSANTHEMUM - DISBUD	5	GOOD
CHRYSANTHEMUM - FIELD		GOOD
CHRYSANTHEMUM - GLASSHOUSE	5-7	GOOD
COSMOS	10	GOOD
DAHLIA	5	GOOD
DELPHINIUM - GIANT	5	GOOD
DELPHINIUM - BUTTERFLY	5	LIGHT
EASTER DAISY		GOOD
ECHINACEA	5	GOOD
ECHINOPS	5	GOOD
EREMURUS	10	GOOD
EUCOMIS (PINEAPPLE LILY)	5	GOOD
EVERLASTING DAISY	10	LIGHT
FLANNEL FLOWER	5	LIGHT
FRANGIPANI	BOX	LIGHT
FREESIA	10	GOOD
GARDENIA (HEADS ONLY)	BOX OF 6	LIGHT
GARDENIA	7-10	LIGHT
GERBERA	10	GOOD
GERBERA - MINI	10	GOOD
GLADIOLI	10	GOOD
GLORIOSA LILY	3	LIGHT
GODETIA	10	LIGHT
GOLDEN ROD (SOLIDAGO)	10	LIGHT
GOMPHRENA (STRAWBERRY FIELDS)		LIGHT
GYMEA LILIES	PER STEM	LIGHT
GYPSOPHILA - STANDARD		GOOD
HELICONIA	5	GOOD
HELICONIA CLAW	PER STEM	GOOD
HELICONIA SEXY	PER STEM	GOOD
HIPPEASTRUM	5	LIGHT
HYDRANGEA	5	GOOD
IRIS	10	GOOD
ISOPOGON	10	LIGHT
KANGAROO PAW - STANDARD	10	LIGHT
KANGAROO PAW - BLACK		LIGHT
LAVENDER		LIGHT
LEUCADENDRON - DISCOLOUR	5	GOOD
LEUCADENDRON - GALAPINI	5	GOOD
LEUCADENDRON - SAFARI SUNSET	10	GOOD
LEUCADENDRON - SILVAN RED	5	GOOD
LEUCADENDRON - SILVER TREE		GOOD
LEUCOSPERMUM - REFLEXUM	5	GOOD

NAME	STEMS PER	AVAILABILITY
LIATRIS	10	LIGHT
LILY - ASIATIC	5	GOOD
LILY - LONGIFLORUM	5	GOOD
LILY - ORIENTAL	5	GOOD
LILY - LA	5	GOOD
LIMONIUM - EMILE	10	GOOD
LIMONIUM - MISTY	10	GOOD
LIMONIUM - STATICE	10	GOOD
LISIANTHUS	7-10	GOOD
LOTUS PODS		GOOD
ORCHID - CYMBIDIUM	PER STEM	GOOD
ORCHID - SINGAPORE	5	GOOD
ORCHID - TIGER	5	LIGHT
ORCHID - TIGER (DANCING LADIES)	10	LIGHT
PROTEA - KING	PER STEM	GOOD
PROTEA - PINK ICE		GOOD
QUEEN FABIOLA	10	LIGHT
RICEFLOWER	10	LIGHT
ROSE - 30CM	10	GOOD
ROSE - 40CM	10	GOOD
ROSE - 50CM	10	GOOD
ROSE - 60CM	10	GOOD
ROSE - 70CM+	10	GOOD
ROSE - MINI	10	GOOD
SAFFLOWER (CARTHAMUS)	10	LIGHT
SANDERSONIA	5-10	LIGHT
SCABIOSA		LIGHT
SEDUM	10	LIGHT
SNAPDRAGON	10	GOOD
STRELITZIA - BIRD OF PARADISE	5	GOOD
SUNFLOWER	5	GOOD
SWEET WILLIAM (GYPSY)		GOOD
TRACHELIUM		GOOD
TUBEROSE	5	GOOD
TULIPS	10	GOOD
VERONICA	10	LIGHT
WATER LILIES	5	GOOD
<b>FOLIAGE</b>		
ACACIA - BAILEYANA	10	LIGHT
ANDROMEDA (FLOWERING)		GOOD
BAMBOO	PER STEM	GOOD
BLACKBERRY (THORNLESS)	10	GOOD
BOTTLEBRUSH (FLOWERING)	PER STEM	GOOD
BOX		LIGHT
BULLRUSHES (SHORT TO TALL)	7	GOOD
CLETHRA	5	GOOD
CHRISTMAS BUSH	10	GOOD
CORDYLINE	10	GOOD
FAN PALM	10	GOOD
FISHBONE FERN		GOOD
FLOWERING GUM	5	GOOD
FUCHSIA GUM	10	GOOD
GERBERA FOLIAGE		GOOD
GINGER FOLIAGE		GOOD
GREEN & GOLD	10	GOOD
GREVILLIA (FLOWERING)		LIGHT
GUM	5	GOOD
HYDRANGEA FOLIAGE	10	GOOD
HYPERICUM BERRIES	10	GOOD
KOALA FERN		GOOD
LAUREL		GOOD
LEATHER FERN		GOOD
LEPTOSPERMUM (FLOWERING)	10	GOOD
MOLUCCA BALM (IRISH BELLS)	5	GOOD
MONSTERIA LEAVES		LIGHT
MORRISON		LIGHT
PHILODENDRON - XANADU	5-6	GOOD
SHRIMP PLANT	5	LIGHT
SILVER SUEDE		GOOD
SNOTTY GRASS	5	GOOD
SNOWBERRY		GOOD
SPEAR GRASS		GOOD
VIBURNUM FLOWERING	5	LIGHT

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