

Handy Nursery Plant List

Common Name	Melissa Common Jasmine (Poet's Jasmine, True Jasmine)
Botanical Name	Jasminum officinale 'Melissa'
Image	<i>NULL</i>
Form and Flower	Since this is a climbing vine, the ultimate habit is determined by what it can find to attach itself to in order gain height and spread. In the wild the species can achieve great height and width, but if left to thrive on flat ground it can serve as a spreading groundcover. This cultivar has a growth rate that is slower than the species, but it is still quite fast will quickly fill in a trellis or fence once established. The pure white tubular flowers are 3" long and .75" wide, appearing in mid summer and often continue on in to the fall. Within a genus known for fragrance, the descriptive ranges from creamy sweetness to intensely elegant and intoxicating. Often used in perfumes and teas.
Foliage and Fruit	Leaves are deciduous in most cooler northern climates, but it can also be semi-evergreen to fully evergreen further south. The pinnate leaves consist of 7-9 pointed leaflets and are a vivid yellow throughout the season. Protection from harsh afternoon sun may be warranted. No significant fall color traits are noted.
Size	20-30' in height if left unchecked and has something of that height to climb.
Zone	7a to 10b
Special Notes	Attracts butterflies and hummingbirds.
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