

## Ramm Botanicals plant information

# Mandevilla Aloha series



Aloha Regal Ruby



Aloha Dark Red



Aloha Red



Aloha Hot Pink



Aloha Bright Pink



Aloha White

The Aloha Mandevilla series are versatile climbing plants that boast prolific flowering in the warmer months and offer a great choice of excellent flower colours. We're also proud to say they're bred right here in Australia. The range takes you through a voyage from the darkest red to the brightest pink and white.

Mandevilla originated in the tropical climate of Brazil, however, successive breeding with the well-mannered Dipladenia-type plants by Aussies Mal Morgan and Graham Brown has seen them become adaptable to Australia's climatic conditions. The Alohas are climbing plants but they're not aggressive. As the picture at bottom right shows, if they aren't given the chance to grow onto supports, they remain shrub-like and flower from top to bottom. If planting in pots or tubs, give them a frame to grow onto for best results.

### Planting

Plant them in compost-rich, free draining soil in ground or in a pot. Plant them in full sun (or at least a sunny position) along wire mesh fencing, arbors, trellises or pergolas. If planting in a pot, we suggest a 30-40cm size and use high quality potting mix that offers reasonable moisture retention. Mulching recommended.

### Watering

The Aloha series will perform best if the soil is kept moist however they are surprisingly drought tolerant and will handle a couple of weeks without irrigation. You will need to increase watering during those hot summer periods when evaporation increases.

### Fertiliser

Mandevilla enjoy a feed so use either a general purpose controlled release fertiliser in spring and autumn or use one of the many liquid feeds. You'll be rewarded with denser, healthier foliage and increased flowering response.

### Pruning

Cut back to desired shape after flowering and they will even respond to a hard cut. Best to do that before winter at the end of their flowering season. Depending on the climate, you may see the plant defoliate in whole or part. If this happens, remove any dead or yellowing leaves and await new season growth as the warmer weather returns.

### Pests and Diseases

If you keep your plants healthy, you shouldn't have any great problems with Mandevilla. You may see aphids on new shoots or red spider mite on leaves. These are easily managed and your plant specialist can give you advice on the best method to manage the problem. All in all though, Mandevilla are easy-care plants that won't cause you much trouble.



Regal Ruby in 30cm pot

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