Mandevilla splendens Pink Allamanda

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Introduction
Quickly twining around any support, or pinched to create a handsome hanging specimen, pink allamanda is an attractive evergreen vine endowed with beautiful, deep pink, funnelform blooms up to four inches wide and two inches long, set off against dark green, large evergreen leaves (Fig. 1). It looks particularly attractive twining along a fence or over an arbor or mailbox. Foliage and flowers cluster toward the top of the fence or arbor several years after planting. Regularly heading back several of the twining stems each year will help generate new foliage and flowers near the ground. Rapid growth and profuse flowering have helped pink allamanda become popular as an annual in cooler regions where freezing temperatures kill the plant to the ground.

General Information
Scientific name: Mandevilla splendens

Pronunciation: man-dev-VILL-luh SPLEN-denz
Common name(s): pink allamanda
Family: Apocynaceae
Plant type: vine
USDA hardiness zones: 10 through 11 (Fig. 2)
Planting month for zone 10 and 11: year round
Origin: not native to North America
Uses: hanging basket; cascading down a wall
Availability: generally available in many areas within its hardiness range

Figure 1. Pink allamanda

Figure 2. Shaded area represents potential planting range.

Description
Height: depends upon supporting structure
Spread: depends upon supporting structure
Plant habit: spreading
Plant density: dense
Growth rate: moderate


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Texture: coarse

**Foliage**
- **Leaf arrangement:** opposite/subopposite
- **Leaf type:** simple
- **Leaf margin:** undulate
- **Leaf shape:** elliptic (oval)
- **Leaf venation:** pinnate
- **Leaf type and persistence:** evergreen
- **Leaf blade length:** 4 to 8 inches
- **Leaf color:** green
- **Fall color:** no fall color change
- **Fall characteristic:** not showy

**Flower**
- **Flower color:** pink
- **Flower characteristic:** year-round flowering; pleasant fragrance

**Fruit**
- **Fruit shape:** elongated
- **Fruit length:** unknown
- **Fruit cover:** dry or hard
- **Fruit color:** brown
- **Fruit characteristic:** inconspicuous and not showy

**Trunk and Branches**
- **Trunk/bark/branches:** typically multi-trunked or clumping stems
- **Current year stem/twig color:** green
- **Current year stem/twig thickness:** medium

**Culture**
- **Light requirement:** plant grows in full sun
- **Soil tolerances:** slightly alkaline; clay; sand; acidic; loam
- **Drought tolerance:** moderate
- **Soil salt tolerances:** poor
- **Plant spacing:** 36 to 60 inches

**Other**
- **Roots:** not applicable
- **Winter interest:** plant has winter interest due to unusual form, nice persistent fruits, showy winter trunk, or winter flowers
- **Outstanding plant:** plant has outstanding ornamental features and could be planted more
- **Invasive potential:** not known to be invasive
- **Pest resistance:** no serious pests are normally seen on the plant

**Use and Management**
Growing best in full sun, pink allamanda needs well-drained soil and should receive ample moisture during the growing season. Flowers appear in greatest abundance during the summer but some appear all year.

The most popular cultivar available is ‘Alice Dupont’. Propagation is by seed or cuttings.

**Pest and Diseases**
No pests or diseases are of major concern. Plants are occasionally bothered by scale and mealybugs.