



Bougainvillea glabra Choisy

Family: Nyctaginaceae

Common names: Paper flower, bougainvillea



Description:

Bougainvillea glabra is an evergreen, climbing shrub with thorny stems. It usually grows 10–12 ft tall, occasionally up to 30 ft. The leaves are dark green, variable in shape, up to 10 cm long. The flowers are about 0.4 cm in diameter; the pink petal-like structures are not petals, but bracts. Tiny white flowers usually appear in clusters surrounded by colourful papery bracts, hence the name paper-flower.

Utilization:

It is grown as an ornamental plant. It is also grown along the fence line. The bougainvillea is also a very attractive species for Bonsai enthusiasts, due to their radiant flowering during the spring. They can be kept as indoor houseplant.

Part	Uses
Leaf Extract	Anti-Diabetic, Antimicrobial

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