

Pandorea jasminoides – Bower of Beauty

Bower of Beauty or *Pandorea jasminoides* is a vigorous tropical climber found in the rainforests of Queensland. Growing to about 5m it is frequently many branched with dark green leaflets up to 5cm setting off the pale pink tubular blooms the appear primarily throughout Spring and Summer and infrequently at other times throughout the year. It is an easy plant to establish and care for.

It can be grown in most soils and on most sites. It is very hardy in tropical to temperate regions and is sufficiently frost tolerant to survive in the National Botanic Gardens in Canberra given some protection. In its natural territory (tropical to sub-tropical) this vine must be kept under control but is easily managed by selective pruning.

Propagation

Cultivation is best from fresh seed. Propagation is easy without the requirement of any pretreatment of seed.

Propagate in any good medium grade seed mix, keep moist but not wet, sow seed on the surface and cover lightly.

Prick out into individual pots after the formation of the second true leaf. Grow on and plant out in its permanent site after the danger of frost has passed. It likes a position in full sun to dappled shade. It is ideally suited to growing on a fence or trellis. It prefers a reliable water supply but, once established, will tolerate extended dry periods.