

## Vanilla Brandy Abelia

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*Abelia x grandiflora* 'BAILBELIAONE'

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 6a

#### Description:

This attractive compact shrub has green leaves with white margins that hold their color in sun and heat; leaf margins turn pink to rose in fall; tidy, mounded habit and slightly fragrant white flowers; a welcome addition to smaller spaces in the garden

#### Ornamental Features

Vanilla Brandy Abelia features dainty clusters of lightly-scented white tubular flowers at the ends of the branches from mid to late spring. It has attractive dark green foliage edged in white. The glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and turn outstanding shades of pink and in the fall, which persists throughout the winter. The antique red stems can be quite attractive.

#### Landscape Attributes

Vanilla Brandy Abelia is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting birds, bees and butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Vanilla Brandy Abelia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

#### Planting & Growing

Vanilla Brandy Abelia will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.



*Vanilla Brandy Abelia foliage*  
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This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. You may want to keep it away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. This plant will benefit from an application of bonemeal and/or mycorrhizal fertilizer at the time of planting. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Vanilla Brandy Abelia makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.