## Mandevilla

Mandevilla, also known as rocktrumpet, is a genus of <u>flowering vines</u> that grow in tropical and subtropical climates. The five-petal trumpet-shaped flowers are often showy and fragrant, typically coming in shades of pink, red, and white, occasionally with yellow throats. They generally bloom in summer and can stretch into fall, though in warm climates they can bloom year-round. Some species within the genus have smaller, more plentiful blooms while others have fewer, larger blooms. Their ovate leaves are usually a glossy green. These fast-growing vines should be planted in mid-to-late spring once the temperature is reliably warm and the risk of frost has passed.

To keep your mandevillas as tender perennials outside their hardiness zones, bring them indoors when the outdoor temperatures go down under 50 degrees Fahrenheit. When bringing your plant indoors, cut it down a bit to let it rest. Place the container in bright, indirect light and water it when the soil is dry to the touch. Mist it regularly or place it on a tray of pebbles filled with water. Return it outdoors in the spring when temperatures rise above 50 degrees Fahrenheit.

