

# *Brugmansia Suaveolens*

**Family:** Solanaceae

**Common Name:** Angel trumpet, Angel star

**Climatic zone:** USDA zones 9 -12. To 22° F  
for short duration.

**Origin:** Central and South America

**Flowering season:** Summer; fall

**Salt Tolerance:** Low

**Soil requirements:** Wide range

**Nutritional requirements:**  
Medium; high

**Light requirements:** High

**Major problems:** Mealybugs,  
nematodes,  
hornworms

**Common uses:** Specimen plant



The common name, 'Angel Trumpet', although closely associated with *Brugmansia*

*suaveolens* also refers to other plants in the same genus. *Brugmansia aurea*, *B. arborea*, the cultivars *B. x Candida* and *B. x Insignis* are also known as Angle Trumpet, but are not covered here.

When in full bloom, with its spectacular hanging flowers, *Brugmansia suaveolens* is a sight to behold. First time viewers are sure to comment on its unique effect. This is truly a specimen plant, but it also blends well with other plants, providing there is sufficient sunlight. In its normal form it is an evergreen shrub with numerous thick branches. However, it can be easily trained to a small tree of about 15 feet. It has large, oval, green leaves. It's large, fragrant, 10 to 15 inch long and 4 to 6 inches wide, trumpet-shaped, white, yellow, gold, orange, peach, red, lilac or pink flowers, which hang almost straight down, are responsible for its common name. The plant also produces an oval to oblong smooth seedpod. Limbs are soft, break easily, and in summer can be propagated by cuttings. This plant has a low drought tolerance and wilts easily. The wilt detracts from its appearance. In colder areas, angel trumpet takes well to potted culture but should be moved indoors to prevent the adverse effects of frost and cold weather. It winters well with sufficient light and very little water. As a garden or landscape plant, regular fertilization is needed to encourage the greenest of leaves. All parts of the angel trumpet are poisonous to humans and are sometimes used as a hallucinogen with deadly effects. Plant needs high intensity light for best blossoming.