# Sun Parasol® Giant Red Emperor Mandevilla

***Mandevilla 'Sun Parasol Giant Red Emperor'***



*Sun Parasol Giant Red Emperor Mandevilla flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 10 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Dipladenia

Group/Class: Sun Parasol Series

**Description:**

Large, elegant blooms appear on this vigorous, twining vine from early summer until fall; deep green foliage serves as the perfect contrast; great for arbors, garden walls, containers or baskets

**Planting & Growing**

This plant is native to the tropics and prefers growing in moist environments with evenly warm conditions all year round. In our climate, it is usually grown as an outdoor annual in the garden or in a container. If you want it to survive the winter, it can be brought in to the house and provided with special care, and then returned to the garden the following season. In its preferred tropical habitat, it can grow to be around 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. However, when grown as an annual or when overwintered indoors, it can be expected to perform differently, and its exact height and spread will depend on many factors; you may wish to consult with our experts as to how it might perform in your specific application and growing conditions.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Sun Parasol Giant Red Emperor Mandevilla is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.

*-- THIS IS A TROPICAL PLANT AND SHOULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO SURVIVE THE WINTER OUTDOORS IN OUR CLIMATE --*