



Brugmansia vs Datura



Brugmansia



Datura

Both of these woody type semi-evergreen indoor/outdoor plants produce large flowers that open at dusk, releasing an intoxicating scent that attract night flying insects as well as hummingbirds and honey bees to their nectar.

The most noticeable difference between Datura – Angels Trumpet and Brugmansia is the position of their flowers. Brugmansias have very large, long, tubular flowers that hang downward. Daturas have large, upward-facing, bell-shaped flowers. Daturas have a spiny seed case, Brugmansias do not. Daturas are slower to mature and flower. Brugmansia flowers are larger than the Datura blooms. The Brugmansia can easily become a 6-8' tree in one season. Brugmansias come in a variety of colors from clear white to yellow, peach and salmon. The double Datura flowers are usually two-toned and come in white to cream, yellow, lilac and purple.

Garden care is the same; plant in a wind-sheltered location in sun to part shade. Protect indoors during the winter, as they are only hardy to about 30 F. If left outside, winter damage or total loss can be expected. Cut back branchlets to 1 or 2 buds. Potted plants can be wintered indoors with adequate light and regular watering. Prune back to 1 or 2 buds when bringing indoors for the winter. They can be left in 40-50 degrees to overwinter. Due to their size, Brugmansias drink heavily and require continuous fertilizing during active growth. Daturas prefer drier soil.

Caution! All parts of both plants are toxic.