

Gardenia species

Common name: Gardenia

Botanical names: Gardenia is a genus of flowering plant with many species.

Family name: Rubiaceae; **Name in Tamil:** ?



Field identification: Evergreen shrub or small tree, up to 15 m tall. Leaves opposite or in whorls of three or four, 5–50 cm x 3–25 cm broad, dark green and glossy with a leathery texture. Flowers solitary or in small clusters, white, or pale yellow, with a tubular-based corolla with 5–12 lobes (petals) from 5–12 cm diameter. Flowering is from about mid-spring to mid-summer, and many species are strongly scented.

Location on campus: Scattered in many residential gardens: E.g. 752 and 754 Allai Road,

References:

1. Wikipedia. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gardenia>
2. Flowers of India. <http://www.flowersofindia.net>