



LONICERA JAPONICA “HALLIANA”

Fam. Caprifoliaceae

DESCRIPTION

It is a climbing shrub with light-green foliage that can grow up to 6 metres tall; it also belongs to the category of semi-evergreen plants.

DISTRIBUTION

Native to Japan and China, this plant later spread also to the old continent, the USA and Australia.

FLOWERS

Tubular white flowers, bilabiate, very fragrant, often tinged with purple, then turning dark yellow; they bloom from June to September.

ROOTS

Fasciculated root system.

LEAVES

Typically oval, the leaves may also have deep green lobes and they grow up to 8 cm long.

FRUITS

Blue-black berries that persist on the branches until the cold weather arrives. They are very decorative, but also highly poisonous.

INTERESTING FACTS

More commonly known as “Japanese honeysuckle” or “Hall’s Japanese honeysuckle”, the “Halliana” cultivar found in the Venaria gardens has persistent leaves.

It is used as a hedge plant in the Mediterranean area, but it also tolerates moderately-cold temperatures.

