

# What's Hot Tropical Plants!

The rage for tropical plants, no matter how cold the climate, shows no signs of abating. These plants enhance your porch, patio, or deck in the spring and summer then do double duty to beautify your home in the winter.

Here are just a few of vast selection you'll find in our greenhouses:

**Hibiscus** - A favorite flowering shrub of the tropics, it is easy to cultivate. Colors are red, yellow, orange, and white. Although the flamboyant flowers last only a day, buds appear year-round on new growth. This plant loves to summer out doors on your deck or patio.

**Tibouchinas** - Few colors in nature have the richness and opulence like the purple of a tibouchina in full bloom. Rich dark velvet purple saucer shaped flowers with long curly stamens adorn this beautiful shrub throughout the spring and summer month. The leaves are a velvety bronze green which highlights its spectacular blossoms. Grow out doors in the warmer months and overwinter indoors in good light.

**Mandevilla** - Spectacular and showy tubular flowers cover this free flowering shrub/vine. These plants are very popular out doors in warm weather and indoors in cooler temperatures.

**Passionflower** - Clinging by tendrils to trellises or stakes or trained to string around a window, passion flower vines display intriguing blossoms of 10 outer petals and an intricate inner crown among deeply lobed leaves.

**Bougainvillea** - Bougainvilleas are fast-spreading tropical vines noted for their spectacular clusters of papery 1-inch petal-like bracts, which range in color from bright purple through shades of red and pink to copper, yellow and white.