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# Japanese honeysuckle 'Horwood Gem'

*Lonicera japonica* 'Horwood Gem'

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This description is for species *Japanese honeysuckle* (*Lonicera japonica*):

With arguably the most delicate-looking fine white blossoms to be found anywhere, *Lonicera japonica* is understandably a highly desired climber amongst gardeners. Known as the Japanese honeysuckle, this semi-evergreen perennial has mid to dark green, ovate leaves, which grow from reddish-brown stems. In early summer, elegant, double-tongued white tubular blossoms that have a strong vanilla fragrance enhance the attractive foliage. These flowers give way to small dark blue berries in autumn. Japanese honeysuckle grows best in moist but well-drained soil in full sun. Highly invasive, it typically needs some pruning to curtail growth. It is a stunning addition to cottage gardens, where walls, trellises and fences require cover.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
<b>Known dangers?</b> yes	<b>Acidity</b> Acidic Neutral Alkaline	<b>Standard category</b> Climbers
<b>Dangers: comments</b> Avoid eating its berries, or risk having mild stomach upset.	<b>Hardiness zone</b> Z4-10	<b>Grown for</b> Attractive Flowers

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<b>Height [m]</b> 2 - 3	<b>Heat zone</b> H9-1	<b>Creative category</b> Fine fragrant For Beginners Colours Bonsai For birds & bees
<b>Spread [m]</b> 1	<b>Winter temperatures [°C]</b> -34 - 4	<b>Garden type</b> Cottage garden Coastal
<b>Dominant flower colour</b> Yellow	<b>Heat days</b> 0 - 150	<b>Garden spaces</b> Walls, trellises and pergolas
<b>Flower Fragrance</b> Yes, let it smell	<b>Moisture</b> well-drained well-drained but frequently watered	<b>Gardening expertise</b> beginner
<b>Flowering seasons</b> Early summer Mid summer Late summer	<b>Soil type</b> sandy Clay chalky loams	<b>Time to reach full size</b> up to 10 years
<b>Foliage in spring</b> Green	<b>Sun requirements</b> Full sun Partial shade	
<b>Foliage in summer</b> Green	<b>Exposure</b> Exposed Sheltered	
<b>Foliage in Autumn</b> Green		
<b>Propagation methods</b> seed		
<b>Growth habit</b> Climbing		