

Frangipanis make a delightful, heavily fragrant tree to have in your garden. They come in a variety of colours from white, apricot, pinks, reds, creams, and yellow flowers and the most popular the white with a yellow centre.

They are a deciduous tree and lose their leaves from about Easter time till October and will be covered in flowers from November till March. They are drought and salt tolerant and will grow well in just about any well drained soil that has a pH of 6.0 to 6.5 and grow to about 5 m high, but can be pruned to a height that suits you.

Frangipanis are easy to grow from a cutting and the ideal time to take cuttings is just as the trees are starting to bud, generally in late winter or early spring. Take a section of the plant that is about 30cm long and allow the cutting to dry out for a week or so in a shady spot and then plant it into a pot of quality potting mix. When you are taking the cutting, be careful of the sap as it can irritate and even burn your skin. Only water the cutting about once a fortnight and when the roots are developed, which can take a while, you can plant it out into the garden.

Once they are established, fertilize them once a month or so with some chook manure such as Katek Super growth and they will grow stronger and flower better.