

Botanical Name: Sutera cordata

Common Name: Bacopa, Snow flake

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Family Scrophulariaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape low, spreading, trailing or mat-forming perennial with a dense, prostrate habit; flowers are star-shaped and appear all over plant

Height to 4" Spread to 36" Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade; thrives in warm, sunny areas

Soil thrives in well-drained soil, tolerates most any soil

Hardiness tolerates light frost, Zones 17, 19, 22-24

Morphology:

Leaves cordate, opposite, to 1" across, somewhat disagreeable odor from crushed foliage, margins somewhat toothed or dentate

Flowers white star-shaped flowers to 1/2" across throughout warm season  
a less hardy pink variety is available

Fruit tiny capsule

Propagation: softwood cuttings spring through summer - very easy to root

Usage: easy to grow groundcover or foreground plant used for heavy bloom  
and dense mat-forming habit; chokes out weeds and spreads into other plants  
quickly; it should be planted where plenty of room is available

Landscape Care:

Watering takes average watering, but tolerates drought when established;  
tolerates drought better than cold

Fertilizing slow-release at planting time

Pruning head back to control size and spread

Pests/Diseases none significant

Other sometimes looks scorched in hottest months

Origin: South Africa