

Botanical Name: Gaura lindheimeri

Common Name: Gaura

Type of Plant: dicot; perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape clumping upright plant with heavy growth of leafless
flowering stems held above foliage; flower stems persist to give an airy, grass
like quality; white flowers from pink buds

Height 3 to 4' Spread 3 to 4' Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun

Soil not fussy about soil

Hardiness hardy -- all zones

Morphology:

Leaves narrowly lanceolate to 3" long, opposite on stems,
clustered mainly toward base of plant

Flowers 1-1/2" across, white, emerging from pinkish buds; flowers
open a few at a time on persistent stems

Fruit small capsule, seeds freely

Propagation: seed

Usage: excellent for neglected areas with hot sun and little water
takes poor soil, drought and heat; good wispy, grassy look in dry gardens

Landscape Care:

Watering tolerates drought well, needs almost no extra water after
established

Fertilizing slow-release at planting time

Pruning remove spent flower stems to avoid eager reseeding

Pests/Diseases none

Special Conditions _____

Origin: Southern U.S. Family: Onagraceae