

Botanical Name: Distictis laxiflora

Common Name: Vanilla trumpet vine

Type of Plant: dicot; vine Family Bignoniaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape Vigorous tropical vine with vanilla-scented, tubular lavender flowers which fade to white as they age; more restrained than other Distictis

Height to 20 ft. Spread to 30 ft. Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade

Soil prefers a well-drained soil

Hardiness tender (zones 16, 22-24)

Morphology:

Leaves elliptic to oblong leaflets in pairs, each to 2-1/2" long; somewhat lighter and smaller than other Distictis leaves

Flowers tubular, to 3-1/2" long, in clusters through the warm months; flowers open lavender, then fade to white; vanilla scent

Fruit rare - silique to 3-1/2" long

Propagation: semi-hardwood cuttings in fall

Usage: excellent tropical vine used for flower color, scent and tropical effect; easier to train and keep confined than other Distictis; so is more useful in smaller landscapes

Landscape Care:

Watering needs regular watering; not drought tolerant

Fertilizing provide slow-release at planting time

Pruning control size by heading back as needed in winter

Pests/Diseases none significant

Other _____

Origin: Mexico