

Botanical Name: Clerodendrum thomsoniae

Common Name: Bleeding heart glorybower

Type of Plant: dicot: houseplant Family Verbenaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape spawling vining plant with long trailing stems and large, distinctly variegated leaves

Height 10'-12' Spread 10'-12' Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure in/outdoor partial shade outdoors/ bright light indoors

Soil normal potting soil with good drainage

Hardiness tender outdoors (zones 22-24)

Morphology:

Leaves to 5" long, ovate to oblong, variegated with creamy yellow margins; variegation fades as leaves age; leaves deeply veined

Flowers in terminal cymes; calyx is white with 5 pointed sepals; corolla crimson, protruding through calyx; calyx fades to violet color with age

Fruit small (1/4") fleshy drupe

Propagation: stem cuttings

Usage: good vine for greenhouse or patio gardens; used for tropical variegated foliage, brightly colored flowers and spreading form

Landscape Care:

Watering takes average watering; do not let dry out over long periods

Fertilizing slow release fertilizer and dilute liquid feed

Pruning head back to encourage bushy growth; dead-head regularly

Pests/Diseases spider mites, aphids

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Origin: West Africa