

Botanical Name: Homalocladium platycladum

Common Name: Ribbon bush, Tapeworm plant, Centipede plant

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright, shrubby plant with odd flattened stems, leaves
often missing; sprawling and spreading, oddly angular with age

Height 4-6' Spread 4-6' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to half-shade

Soil most any soil

Hardiness some frost (zones 8,9,12-24)

Morphology:

Leaves small hastate 2" long, joined to flattened stems jointed
at nodes--leaves often absent--structural branches normally shaped

Flowers tiny pinkish flowers at stem joints

Fruit inconspicuous red berry

Propagation: softwood cuttings

Usage: novelty plant for strange foliage and form, good in
containers, tropical areas, small landscapes

Landscape Care:

Watering likes regular watering

Fertilizing none

Pruning thin out, head back to control size and form any time

Pests/Diseases none

Special Conditions

Origin: Solomon Is. Family: Polygonaceae