

Botanical Name: Hoya carnos

Common Name: Wax Flower

Type of Plant: dicot: houseplant Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape vining, spreading plant with twining, trailing branches

which can be trained to climb, spread or trail

Height to 10' Spread to 10' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure in/out outdoors in partial shade, bright light indoors

Soil prefers a rich, loose, well-drained soil

Hardiness tender to frost

Morphology:

Leaves elliptical, opposite, 2-4" long, thick, waxy -- some

varieties edged in white -- new foliage bronzy, red

Flowers umbels of 1/2" wide white flower with 5-point pink star

formed inside

Fruit small follicle

Propagation: stem cuttings

Usage: container plant, indoors or out; used for summer flower

color; usually trained on trellis, post or pillar

Landscape Care:

Watering deep, infrequent watering; don't over-water when

buds are on plant

Fertilizing balanced, 1/2 strength, monthly - low N during bloom

Pruning control size only; do not prune out flowering wood

Pests/Diseases mealybug, aphids

Special Conditions blooms best when potbound

Origin: S. China Family: Asclepiadaceae