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Wax Plant

Hoya bilobata



Wax Plant foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 10 inches

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 10b

Other Names: Porcelain Flower

Description:

A beautiful succulent vine that is primarily grown as a houseplant; producing small oval, olive green foliage and clusters of tiny pink-red flowers with a mildly sweet fragrance; an interesting indoor selection for hanging baskets and containers

Features & Attributes

Wax Plant features showy corymbs of lightly-scented pink star-shaped flowers with red eyes dangling from the stems in early summer. Its attractive glossy oval leaves emerge light green, turning olive green in color throughout the year.

This is an herbaceous houseplant with a spreading, ground-hugging habit of growth. This plant usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning.

Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Wax Plant can be expected to grow to be about 10 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. This houseplant performs well in both bright or indirect sunlight and strong artificial light, and can therefore be situated in almost any well-lit room or location. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist soil, but will not tolerate any standing water. The surface of the soil shouldn't be allowed to dry out completely, and so you should expect to water this plant once and possibly even twice each week. Be aware that your particular watering schedule may vary depending on its location in the room, the pot size, plant size and other conditions; if in doubt, ask one of our experts in the store for advice. It is particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for rich, acidic soil. Contact the store for specific recommendations on pre-mixed potting soil for this plant.

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There are many factors that will affect the ultimate height, spread and overall performance of a plant when grown indoors; among them, the size of the pot it's growing in, the amount of light it receives, watering frequency, the pruning regimen and repotting schedule. Use the information described here as a guideline only; individual performance can and will vary. Please contact the store to speak with one of our experts if you are interested in further details concerning recommendations on pot size, watering, pruning, repotting, etc.

-- THIS IS A HOUSEPLANT AND IS NOT MEANT TO SURVIVE THE WINTER OUTDOORS IN OUR CLIMATE --