

Trachelospermum polyanthum



Genus: Trachelospermum
Family: Apocynaceae
Order: Gentianales
Class: Magnoliopsida (Angiosperms)
Phylum: Angiosperms

Key Facts:

Toxicity: Non-toxic to humans and pets.

Invasiveness: Can be invasive in some regions; check local regulations.

Plant Type: Evergreen vine.

Lifespan: Long-lived perennial.

Characteristics:

Plant Height: Up to 6-10 meters in ideal conditions.

Spread: Can spread 1-2 meters wide.

Leaf Color: Glossy dark green.

Bloom Time: Late spring to summer.

Flower Size: Small, typically around 1 cm in diameter.

Flower Color: White to creamy white.



Distribution:

Origin: Native to China and Taiwan.

Habitat: Grows in temperate and subtropical regions worldwide.

Care:

Difficulty: Moderate; requires some attention.

Toughness: Fairly tough; can tolerate a range of conditions.

Maintenance: Regular pruning to control size and shape; occasional fertilization.

Watering: Water regularly, keeping soil evenly moist but not waterlogged.

Pruning: Prune in late winter or early spring before new growth starts.

Propagation: Can be propagated by cuttings or layering.

Repotting: Typically not required unless grown in containers; if so, repot in early spring.

Conditions:

Temperature: Hardy to around -5°C to 0°C; best in mild climates.

Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 7-10.

Sun Requirements: Prefers full sun to partial shade.

Soil Type: Well-draining, rich in organic matter; slightly acidic to neutral.

Use: Ideal for climbing walls, trellises, pergolas, ground cover, and container planting, valued for its fragrant, star-shaped white flowers.

Location: Perfect for Mediterranean gardens, tropical landscapes, and urban spaces.

Pests and Diseases: Generally pest-resistant; watch for common garden pests like aphids and spider mites. Avoid fungal issues by ensuring good air circulation and not overwatering.

