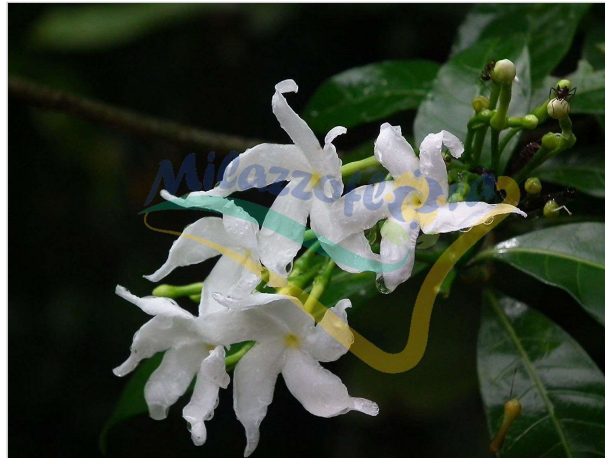


Pinwheelflower



Tabernaemontana is a genus of flowering plants in the family Apocynaceae. It has a pan-tropical distribution, found in Asia, Africa, Australia, North America, South America, and a wide assortment of oceanic islands. These plants are evergreen shrubs and small trees growing to 1-15 m tall. The leaves are opposite, 3-25 cm long, with milky sap; hence it is one of the diverse plant genera commonly called "milkwood". The flowers are fragrant, white, 1-5 cm in diameter.

The cultivar *T. divaricata* cv. 'Plena', with doubled-petaled flowers, is a popular houseplant. The plant generally grows to a height of 5-6 feet (1.5-1.8 m) and is dichotomously branched. The large shiny leaves are deep green and about 6 inches (15 cm) in length and 2 inches (5.1 cm) in width. The waxy blossoms are found in small clusters on the stem tips. The (single) flowers have the characteristic 'pinwheel' shape also seen in other genera in the family Apocynaceae such as *Vinca* and *Nerium*. Both single and double-flowered forms are cultivated, the flowers of both forms being white. The plant blooms in spring but flowers appear sporadically all year. The flowers of the single form are unscented but the double-flowered form has a pleasing fragrance.

Category: Indoor plants

Families: Apocynaceae

Genus: *Tabernaemontana*

Species: *divaricata*

Geographical Area of Origin: South-East Asia / Asia, Indian subcontinent

Climatic Zones: Tropical USDA 11

Habit: Shrub-climber

Leaves: Evergreen

Colore Foglie: Verde

Flowering Period: Ottobre / Aprile / Maggio / Giugno / Luglio / Agosto / Settembre

Flower: Simple flower

Colore Fiori: Bianco

Favorite soil: Neutral / Middle-Dough / Medium soil



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Water needs: Medium

Light Exposure: Medium shade / Half shade / Full light / Full sun

Form: Espalier / Pyramid / Tree

Colore Frutti: Marrone 

Parfumed: yes