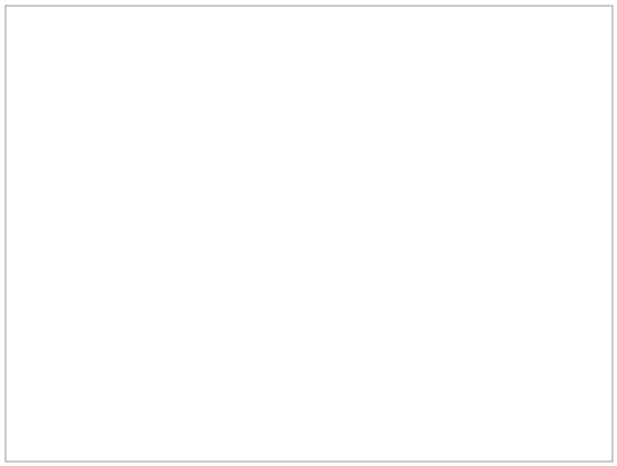
Pinwheelflower



Tabernaemontanaï is aï genusï ofï flowering plantsï in theï familyï Apocynaceae. It has a pan-tropica distribution, found inï Asia,ï Africa,ï Australia,ï North America,ï South America, and a wide assortment of oceanic islands.ï These plants areï evergreenï shrubsï and smallï treesï growing to 1 15 m tall. Theï leavesï ar opposite, 3 25ï cm long, with milky sap; hence it is one of the diverse plant genera commonly calledï "milkwood". Theï flowersï are fragrant, white, 1 5ï cm in diameter.
Theï cultivarï T. divaricataï cv. 'Plena', with doubled-petaledï flowers, is a popularï houseplant.ï The plant generally grows to a height of 5 6 feet (1.5 1.8ï m) and isï dichotomouslyï branched. The large shiny leaves are deep green and about 6 inches (15ï cm) in length and 2 inches (5.1ï 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 otherï generaï in the family Apocynaceae such asï Vincaï andï Nerium. Both single andï double-floweredï 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: Tabernamontana
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

Water needs: Medium
Light Exposure: Medium shade / Half shade / Full light / Full sun
Form: Espalier / Pyramid / Tree
Colore Frutti: Marrone
Parfumed: yes