

Tabernaemontana divaricata

(Crepe Jasmine, Paper gardenia)

This round, evergreen is a large shrub native to India and southeastern Asia and widely cultivated throughout the tropics. The elliptic-oblong, thin, glossy, deeply veined, dark leaves are paired along the stems. Flowering occurs throughout the year with heaviest bloom in spring and summer. It has waxy, pure, white, ruffle-edged flowers, which are especially fragrant at dusk and after dark.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Jasmin-café

Pronunciation: tab-ber-nee-mon-TAY-nuh
dye-vair-rick-KAY-tuh

Plant Type: Shrub

Origin: Southeastern Asia, India

Heat Zones: 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

Hardiness Zones: 10, 11, 12, 13

Uses: Hedge, Specimen, Border Plant, Mass
Planting, Indoor, Container

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate

Tree Shape: Round, oval

Canopy Density: Medium

Canopy Texture: Medium

Height at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 m

Spread at Maturity: 1 to 1.5 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 10 to 20 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Opposite

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 10 - 20

Leaf Shape: Lanceolate

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Glossy, Medium

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Flower Type: Cyme

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: White

Seasons: Spring, Summer, Year Round

Trunk

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy, Smooth

Fruit

Fruit Type: Follicle

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 3 - 7, 7 - 10

Fruit Colors: Brown

Seasons: Spring, Summer, Year Round

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Part

Management

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: Less than 25

Edible Parts: None

Pests: Mites, Nematodes, Scales

Plant Propagations: Cutting

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