

## Pentas lanceolata

### (Egyptian Starcluster, Pentas, Starflower)

Pentas is an evergreen perennial shrub that has a dark green foliage and rounded clusters of flowers that vary in color; They can be pink, lavender, purple, white or red. The flowers grows almost all year long, and they usually attract polinators before any other plant in the garden.

They grow in well drained, fertilized soil, in full to partly sunny areas, and are drought and heat tolerant once established.



Plant Image

#### Landscape Information

**French Name:** Pentas lancéolé

**Arabic Name:** باكوبا منيرة

**Pronunciation:** PEN-tass lan-see-oh-LAY-tuh

**Plant Type:** Shrub

**Origin:** Africa, Northern Africa

**Heat Zones:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

**Hardiness Zones:** 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

**Uses:** Border Plant, Indoor, Container

#### Size/Shape

**Tree Shape:** Upright

**Height at Maturity:** Less than 0.5 m, 0.5 to 1 m, 1 to 1.5 m

**Spread at Maturity:** Less than 50 cm, 0.5 to 1 meter

#### Notes

Attracts butterflies.

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

- Leaf Arrangement: Opposite
- Leaf Venation: Pinnate
- Leaf Persistance: Evergreen
- Leaf Type: Simple
- Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm
- Leaf Shape: Lanceolate
- Leaf Margins: Entire
- Leaf Textures: Smooth
- Leaf Scent: Pleasant
- Color(growing season): Green
- Color(changing season): Green

Flower

- Flower Showiness: True
- Flower Size Range: 7 - 10
- Flower Type: Corymb
- Flower Scent: No Fragrance
- Flower Color: Red, Purple, White, Pink
- Seasons: Year Round

Trunk

- Number of Trunks: Single Trunk

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Leaf Image

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### Horticulture Management

#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** Yes

**Heat Tolerant:** Yes

**Drought Tolerant:** Yes

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Loam, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral

**Water Requirements:** Moderate

**Light Requirements:** Full

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#### Management

**Invasive Potential:** Yes

**Pruning Requirement:** Little needed, to develop a strong structure

**Edible Parts:** None

**Pests:** Mites, Caterpillars, Whitefly, Aphids

**Plant Propagations:** Seed, Cutting

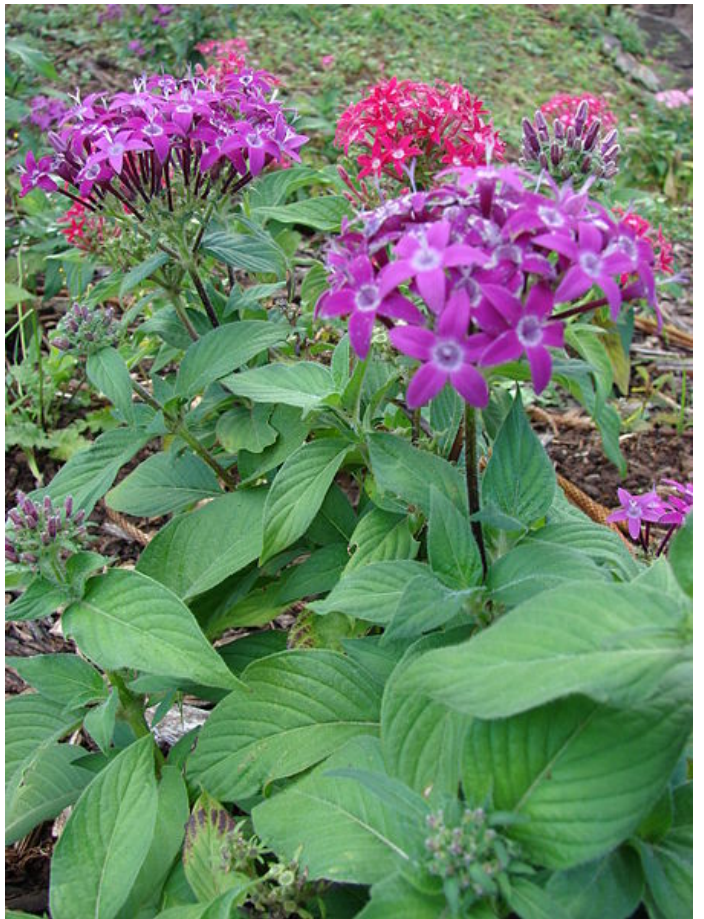
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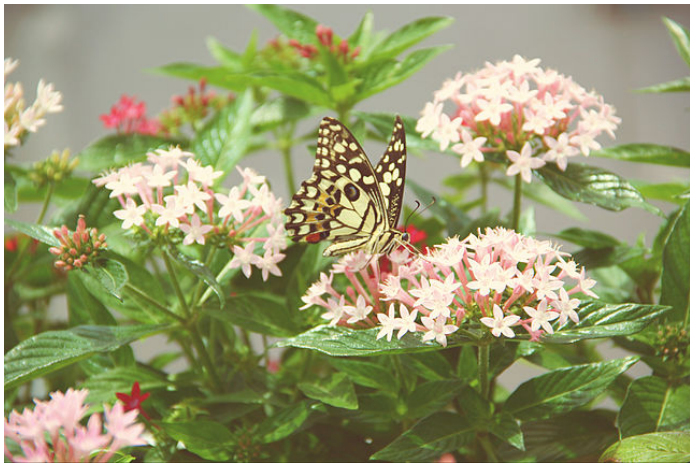
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