

Plumbago

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Representative of the flora of South Africa.

It contains 8 species of evergreen and deciduous shrubs of the family Plumbagaceae. In their homeland live in dry subtropical forests in foothills and river valleys. Its strange name comes from the Latin name for lead - plumbum because it was considered that helps lead poisoning.

Is branched evergreen liana, with long, rich oblong branches. Bark of older branches is brownish, oblong, with white stripes. The leaves are consistent, bright green, ovate oblong pointed peak.

Very nice and grateful bunch liana blossoms ... long time no catch diseases and pests. It flowers from March to October. Grow at a temperature of 4-5 C to 24-25 C.

Colors are various, rarely white, gathered in large cymes, much like the colors of Phlox.

In good growing plant can reach enormous size, thus requiring clearance. Plumbago may be placed to climb in mainstay, to wrap in grid or net. Since the stems are rigid and not very flexible, should be particularly careful twist, radius of curvature must be larger. To support must be attached or affixed in another way, because only plant is climbing and no thorns, no mustache, which could only be secured. After the overblown need strong support of vegetative mass, not only for clearance, but also for the formation of new shoots that will flower next year. Be kept warm and sunny place. Our illuminated required, especially in winter. However, the plant will lose some of their leaves, which should not bother you.

Withstands drop of temperature within 4-6 degrees. In the summer watering thoroughly, and not allow very dry soil, because plumbago will cease to bloom, spray with water from time to time, watering frequently - once a week. Pests are necessarily removed to avoid disfigurement and debilitating plant. Spring transplanting it into a mixture of chimovka, peat, and well burnt leaflet manure with the addition of a little sand.

Love moisture and sun ... very narrow root system.

Reproduced easily with 4-5 cm cuttings early in the spring.

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