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Summer Snow™ or Plumbago *Plumbago scandens*

DESCRIPTION: Summer Snow™ is an evergreen subshrub, mounding to 3 feet tall or more. Stems are woody at the base and herbaceous above. The leaves are dark green, shiny, and oval-shaped. Tubular flowers have 5 pure white petals and are up to 1 inch wide. The white blossoms stand out beautifully against dark foliage. The flowers have a long blooming season and attract butterflies to their nectar. Locally, it may be a larval food plant for Cassius Blue and Marine Blue Butterfly caterpillars. These sprawling, native shrubs grow between 2500 and 4000 feet elevation in shaded washes and canyons in the desert and grasslands of southern Arizona and Texas. It also occurs into the subtropics of Mexico and down into South America.

RECOMMENDED USE: Great for shade, in a patio garden or container.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Hardy into the lower 20's.



Sun tolerance: Light to moderate shade.



Watering and feeding: Moderate water. Once established, irregular watering mimics seasonal rains and triggers tremendous flower shows.



Soil requirements: Any soil that drains.



Pruning: None necessary.