



SEED OF THE MONTH: Hoya

Common Name: Hoya

Height:

Spacing:

Sun Exposure:

Sprawling vine

N/A

Bright filtered lite

Bloom Color: Waxy, miniature bouquet of flowers, with a star in the middle.

Bloom Time: Here in Hawaii can bloom up to 2 times a year. The flowers are small waxy flowers with a timid sweet fragrance. (They bloom twice a year at Halawa Garden). Colors vary according to variety.

Other Details:

Hoya has hundreds of varieties. Spring is their growing season. The Hoya does well with liquid fertilizer during the spring. Usually 3-4 treatments every four weeks is all it needs for the year. Lack of water or too much fertilizer will cause the edges of its leaves to brown or fall off altogether. It doesn't have many pests that are attracted to them, but they will occasionally be pestered by Aphids, scale and mealybugs.

Soil Requirements: Moist, light, well drained.

Water Requirements: Once every two weeks. Some people like to give it an occasional spray to wash leaves and that's fine, just don't spray when it's budding or flowering. This very drought tolerant plant also enjoys being root bound in a pot and makes a great indoor plant.

Propagation Methods:

Grows from slip by planting nodule/nub in soil. This method takes about two years to flower. You can root it in water or in soil using a growth hormone. Layering it will provide a more mature plant that will flower in about a year.



Sunlight: This is a great greenhouse or indoor plant. It loves bright cool light, not direct sunlight, it does well hanging in a window.