Growing your *Tabernaemontana corymbosa*

The Flower of love

*Tabernaemontana corymbosa* is a small shrub with dark emerald foliage. It produces masses of pure white, perfumed flowers over much of the year. They contrast beautifully with the dark foliage, making this species a wonderful accent plant for the garden or a brilliant pot specimen. I can’t praise this little shrub enough, it is one of my new favourites!

When your plant arrives, it is important to get it potted up as soon as possible. I would use a standard 150 mm pot and a well drained soil mix. I use Searle’s brand, but any premium mix will be fine. Add a teaspoon of Osmocote and water in well.

Keep your plant in bright filtered light with maybe some early morning sun for a couple of weeks until it starts to re-establish, then slowly move it to more sun.

Pot on as needed and give an occasional trim to shape and for compact growth. This plant will tolerate partial shade but prefers a full sun location.

Once established you will only need to water during long dry periods. Feed once or twice a year with a high potash fertiliser.

The only major pests of this plant are chewing insects such as Grasshoppers and Caterpillars, these can simply be crushed or sprayed with the insecticide Carbaryl.

Best of success with your plant, do contact me if I can be of any further help.

Regards

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