

# Variegated Bower Vine Pandorea jasminoides 'Variegata'

Hardiness Zone: 8b

## **Description:**

An evergreen vine that features stunning, variegated green and cream foliage; volumes of showy, trumpet shaped pink flowers with deep pink throats, from summer into fall; flowers best in full sun; takes pruning well; a perfect trellis or garden wall plant

#### **Ornamental Features**

Variegated Bower Vine features showy fragrant shell pink tubular flowers with white overtones and ruby-red throats along the branches from mid summer to mid fall. It has attractive creamy white-variegated dark green foliage with hints of buttery yellow. The glossy pointy leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter. The fruit is not ornamentally significant.

# **Landscape Attributes**

Variegated Bower Vine is a multi-stemmed evergreen woody vine with a twining and trailing habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.



Variegated Bower Vine flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Variegated Bower Vine foliage Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

This woody vine will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Variegated Bower Vine is recommended for the following landscape applications;



- Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

## **Planting & Growing**

Variegated Bower Vine will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. As a climbing vine, it tends to be leggy near the base and should be underplanted with low-growing facer plants. It should be planted near a fence, trellis or other landscape structure where it can be trained to grow upwards on it, or allowed to trail off a retaining wall or slope. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This woody vine does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Variegated Bower Vine makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.