

## Confederate Jasmine

### *Trachelospermum jasminoides* 'Variegatum'

#### Plant Description:

Despite its name, Confederate Jasmine (also known as Star Jasmine for its star-shaped flowers) is not a “true” Jasmine or a native to the American south. Instead it comes from China, although it makes a nice addition to Florida landscapes. This evergreen, spreading vine has dark green, glossy leaves and white, fragrant, showy flowers in spring. It can become aggressive; the selection ‘Variegatum’ has green and white variegated leaves that are often tinged with pink, and is known to be a less vigorous grower than the species.

Mature Size: Varies; depends on supporting structure

Growth Rate: Fast

Plant Habit: Spreading groundcover or climbing vine

Plant Spacing: 18 – 24 inches

#### Ornamental Characteristics & Uses:

Foliage Color: Green or Green/White Variegation

Flower Color: White

Bloom Time: Spring

Attracts Wildlife: Hummingbirds



## **Growing Requirements:**

Cold Hardiness Zone(s): 7b – 10

Exposure: Full Sun to Partial Shade

Water Needs: Moderate

Soil Tolerances: Moderately drought tolerant;  
prefers well-drained to medium-drained soils

Soil pH: Acidic to Alkaline

Maintenance: Easy/Low

## **General Care & Growing Tips:**

Use this plant as a groundcover or grow on a supporting structure such as a trellis or arbor. Trim to shape and control growth. A few light applications of fertilizer beginning 4 to 6 weeks after planting may be beneficial during the establishment year. Like most plants, a 2- to 3-inch layer of organic mulch is beneficial to retain soil moisture.

## **Common Pests:**

Watch for scales and sooty mold. No diseases are of major concern.

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