

VINCA 'CORAR[®] XDR POLKA DOT'

Catharanthus roseus VINCA 'CORAR[®] XDR POLKA DOT'



Characteristics

- Type: Annual
- Zone: 9 to 11
- Height: 14-16 Inches
- Width: 18-20 Inches
- Bloom Time: Mid spring to late summer
- Bloom: White with Dark Rose Eye
- Sun: Full sun to part shade
- Water: Medium
- Maintenance: Low
- Flower: Showy
- Tolerate: Rabbit, Drought, Dry Soil, Humidity
- Attracts: Butterflies

Culture

Cora[®] *Vinca* (commonly referred to as periwinkle) are the first varieties of this species to be highly resistant to ten of the most virulent isolates of *Phytophthora nicotianae* that cause *Phytophthora* blight on annual vinca. Aerial *Phytophthora* fungus is a devastating disease that until now limited use of this species in Texas landscapes. In addition, they are heat and humidity tolerant and deer resistant. They are available in a wide array of colors with either upright or trailing habits and flower throughout the summer with some of the largest flowers in the genus. When tested in Dallas, it even survived until frost. This annual adapts to most soils and prefers full sun, but will tolerate semi-shade, but won't flower as well. The best time to plant vinca is after the soil has thoroughly warmed in late spring or early summer; it does best in hot weather. It is drought tolerant, but does best with good soil drainage and regular water and fertilization at moderate levels. Vinca Cora[®] XDR Polka Dot has large white blooms with a dark pink eye.

Noteworthy Characteristics

Catharanthus roseus, commonly called periwinkle, Madagascar periwinkle or annual vinca, is an erect to spreading tender perennial in the dogbane family typically mounding 6-18" (less frequently to 24") tall and as wide. It produces attractive bushy foliage that is covered by an often profuse bloom of phlox-like flowers from summer to frost. Best flowering is in summer. Flowers have five flattened petal-like lobes and appear singly in the upper leaf axils. Cora[®] Vinca Series flowers are evenly distributed and slightly larger than most other vincas. Cora[®] Vinca Series are listed as a Texas Superstar plant. Texas Superstars are plants chosen for their hardiness and beauty. They're proven winners in our climates and have been tested all over the state by horticulturists associated with Texas A&M Agrilife Extension and Texas A&M Agrilife Research. Vinca Cora[®] XDR Polka Dot has improved branching and uniformity and was introduced in 2020.

Problems

No serious insect or disease problems.

Garden Uses

Annual ground cover (trailing types), bedding, edging or containers, window boxes, window boxes