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Southwestern Pipevine or Hierba del Indio *Aristolochia watsonii*

DESCRIPTIONS: Southwestern Pipevine is a prostrate vine, growing from a perennial tuber. In nature it is found along streams and dry washes from the desert up to the grasslands, in Arizona and Sonora. It can form mats of 3' across, with the stems twining weakly. Its very unusual shaped flowers are brownish-red with a yellowish center. The plants are a larval food for the Pipevine Swallowtail butterfly and a must for any butterfly garden.

RECOMMENDED USE: Southwestern Pipevine can be used as a groundcover or a novelty climbing in bushes.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Southwestern pipevine can take 25°F with no damage. Lower temperatures may freeze back above-ground portions, but it will readily resprout from the tuber.



Sun tolerance: Either full sun or part shade.



Watering and feeding: Water at least once a week during the growing season to get established. Later, watering should be cut back, depending on plants vigor and soil texture. Do not overwater.



Soil requirements: Does best in deep, loose soils (sandy or silty) as long as it drains.



Pruning: Prune to control, or to remove frost damage in the spring.



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