

## Thunbergia Alata (White) - Plant



Thunbergia is a very easy annual to grow as a climbing vine or in window boxes and hanging baskets. If allowed to climb it will quickly cover a trellis or fence offering a colorful display all summer long.

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Description

### Description for Thunbergia Alata (White)

Thunbergia alata, or black-eyed Susan vine, is a common houseplant. This is probably because it is easy to propagate from stem cuttings and, therefore, easy for owners to pass along a piece of the plant. The vine needs warm temperatures but also requires shelter from the hottest rays of the sun. Stems and leaves are green and flowers are usually a deep yellow, white or orange with black centers.

Black-eyed Susan is a fast growing vine that needs a vertical stand or trellis to support the plant. The vines twine around themselves and anchor the plant to vertical structures.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Black Eyed Susan Vines,Thunbergia Alata	White	Annual	5 to 8 ft	easy to grow

### Planting and care

The Black-Eyed Susan Vine is a tender, evergreen, twining vine that is most often grown as a long blooming annual. If grown as an annual, they will quickly scramble up to a height of six feet.

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Full sun to part shade	well-drained soils	Water regularly and thoroughly during the growing season, especially during the first year. Container grown plants must never be allowed to dry out completely.	Above 15 C	Apply any organic fertilizer

## Caring for Thunbergia Alata

- Black Eyed Susan Vines are very easy to grow.
- Grow the plants in full sun to light shade. In hotter regions, plant where they will receive afternoon shade.
- Grow Thunbergia in rich soils to help fuel growth. Prior to planting, mix in ample amounts of compost. Add a general purpose fertilizer every 4-6 weeks.
- Thunbergia plants do not tolerate droughts very well. Keep soil well watered, especially when young, and during hot and dry weather. If grown in containers, be vigilant that they do not dry out.
- Keep young plants well weeded, until they get established and begin to climb.
- Thunbergia plants can be trimmed, as needed.
- Plants need support of a fence, trellis or post. Train young plants to reach the support.

## Typical uses of Thunbergia Alata

**Special features:** Used mainly as an ornamental plant, Thunbergia alata makes a good screen when used to cover unsightly dead trees or walls. It needs some support, as it cannot cling. Use fences, trellises, arches, arbours and pillars or a lightly shading tree. (Pergolas would probably be too big.) Alternatively, plant this creeper in groups as a ground cover, or on a bank or terraces where it can trail downwards. Hanging baskets are also a possibility.

**Ornamental use:** Garden Uses Trellises, arbors, fences or other structures around the home. Also effective in hanging baskets where the vine can twist around the basket supports or in patio containers with a small trellis or obelisk buried in the container.

## References

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