

## ***Pandorea jasminoides* Bower Plant, Bower Vine<sup>1</sup>**

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### **Introduction**

Rapidly growing bower plant has slender, twining stems, glossy dark green foliage, and 2-inch-wide, white, pink-throated flowers which appear in summer, fall, and winter (Fig. 1). Peak flower production occurs in mid-summer. Bower plant is evergreen and can be used to cover fences, arbors and other structures. It can cover a 15-foot-tall arbor in one or two growing seasons. It does not grow to be a particularly dense vine; instead it maintains an open, fine-textured effect.

### **General Information**

**Scientific name:** *Pandorea jasminoides*

**Pronunciation:** pan-DOR-ree-uh jaz-min-NOY-deez

**Common name(s):** bower plant, bower vine

**Family:** *Bignoniaceae*

**Plant type:** vine

**USDA hardiness zones:** 9B through 11 (Fig. 2)

**Planting month for zone 9:** year round



**Figure 1.** Bower plant

**Planting month for zone 10 and 11:** year round

**Origin:** not native to North America

**Uses:** espalier

**Availability:** somewhat available, may have to go out of the region to find the plant

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Figure 2. Shaded area represents potential planting range.

### Description

**Height:** depends upon supporting structure

**Spread:** depends upon supporting structure

**Plant habit:** spreading

**Plant density:** dense

**Growth rate:** fast

**Texture:** fine

### Foliage

**Leaf arrangement:** opposite/subopposite

**Leaf type:** odd-pinnately compound

**Leaf margin:** undulate

**Leaf shape:** ovate

**Leaf venation:** pinnate

**Leaf type and persistence:** evergreen

**Leaf blade length:** 2 to 4 inches

**Leaf color:** green

**Fall color:** no fall color change

**Fall characteristic:** not showy

### Flower

**Flower color:** pink

**Flower characteristic:** flowers periodically throughout the year

### Fruit

**Fruit shape:** elongated

**Fruit length:** 1 to 3 inches

**Fruit cover:** dry or hard

**Fruit color:** brown

**Fruit characteristic:** inconspicuous and not showy

### Trunk and Branches

**Trunk/bark/branches:** usually with one stem/trunk

**Current year stem/twig color:** brown

**Current year stem/twig thickness:** medium

### Culture

**Light requirement:** plant grows in part shade/part sun

**Soil tolerances:** slightly alkaline; clay; sand; acidic; loam

**Drought tolerance:** moderate

**Soil salt tolerances:** poor

**Plant spacing:** 36 to 60 inches

### Other

**Roots:** not applicable

**Winter interest:** no special winter interest

**Outstanding plant:** not particularly outstanding

**Invasive potential:** not known to be invasive

**Pest resistance:** no serious pests are normally seen on the plant

### Use and Management

Bower plant requires full sun and fertile, rich soil with ample moisture. Protection from strong winds is recommended. The plant can be successfully grown in the warmest parts of hardiness zone 9 in many years. Flowers are quickly produced from young plants which are damaged from a light freeze.

The cultivar 'Alba' has white-lipped flowers, 'Purpurea' produces pink-lipped flowers, and 'Rosea' has pink flowers with rose pink throats.

Propagation is by seed or softwood cuttings.

### Pests and Diseases

No pests or diseases are of major concern.



Figure 3. Flower of bower plant