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Clerodendrum eBook: *Available for the iPad*

A new cultural and troubleshooting guide to Clerodendrum has been published by North Carolina State University's Floriculture group.



North Carolina State University has partnered with Karen Davis of Lincoln University in St. Louis and Carl Niedziela, Jr. of Elon University to publish a cultural and troubleshooting guide to *Clerodendrum thomsoniae*. *Clerodendrum thomsoniae* is also called tropical bleeding heart and commonly grown in hanging baskets.

The 110 page production guide contains over 100 photographs. Chapters include: (1) cultural information, (2) troubleshooting disorders based on location (flowers, upper foliage, entire plant, lower foliage and stems and roots) and



Cover of the Clerodendrum eBook.

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(3) four research updates. The beginning of each species chapter has a quick touch index. The lead author Karen Davis conducted research on *Clerodendrum thomsoniae* as part of her Master's thesis research project.

Clerodendrum: Cultural and Troubleshooting Guide

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System Requirements:

The book will only work on iPads version 2 or later.

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(search for clerodendrum)

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Example Page Screenshots



4.1 NUTRIENT DISORDERS

Symptomology of *Clerodendrum thomsoniae* Nutrient Disorders

Nutrient disorder can occur with the production of pot clerodendrum. A research study published in the *Journal of Plant Nutrition* (Davis et al., 2011) was conducted to provide a key to nutrient disorder symptoms to assist in identifying problems. A summary is discussed below.

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with the mature leaves equal in color to young leaves. The leaf variegation was faded or less pronounced (N1, N2). The foliar N concentration was 1.54%, as compared to 3.53% for the control at the onset of deficiency symptoms (Table 1). The N deficient plants weighed 54% of the control. As intermediate symptoms, leaf variegation was even less pro-

nounced. Growth was stunted. Older leaves were chlorotic and the new growth was lime-green with no variegation (N3, N4). In the advanced stage, the new growth faded to yellow with no variegation (N5). Flowering was delayed in the N deficient plants (N6).

A diagnostic key is provided which lists possible causes (Table 2).

GALLERY 4.1 Nitrogen deficiency.



N1 - A variegated clerodendrum plant that received a complete nutrient solution (on left) is compared to a plant showing the initial symptoms of nitrogen deficiency (on right). The nitrogen deficient plant is smaller and has a lime-green in color.

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