

Water hyssop



Scientific name	<i>Bacopa monnieri</i>
Common name	Water hyssop, coastal water hyssop
Growth form	Emergent, mat-forming forb.
Reproduction	Produces new shoots along stems. Also reproduces by fragmentation and seed.
Perennation	Herbaceous perennial; overwinters as dormant root crowns.
Range	Southern U.S.
Use	Valuable for fish habitat and erosion control.

Culture

Plant	Apical cuttings in early spring to midsummer.
Produce	Mature transplants.
Light	75 to 100% full sunlight.
Container	4" (1 quart) nursery pots.
Substrate	Most soil types.
Fertilization	20 grams 10-5-5 fertilizer per L of potting medium.
Water depth	Saturated to 25 cm.
Comments	Field-ready transplants can be produced in 6 to 8 weeks.

Field Planting

Propagule	Mature potted transplants.
Season	Early spring to late summer.
Substrate	Sand to muck.
Depth	Moist soil to 25 cm.
Comments	Highly tolerant of desiccation; not susceptible to herbivory; will tolerate depths of 1 m once established.