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Hoya linearis is a Himalayan species. It's an epiphytic plant that grows on the trees. During a trip in Sikkim in July 2003, I have seen this species in the forest near Gangtok at 1800 m in subtropical zone. July is the season of the monsoon and it rains all the time, every day! In this season, if you look towards the large trees, you see the branches covered by epiphytic plants, ferns, *Begonia*, orchids and *Hoya*. In the trees, there are many *Hoya linearis* and *Hoya lanceolata* flowering. The plants of *Hoya linearis* are prolific with many long and pendulous branches with many flowers at the end. It is a spectacular view!

Hoya linearis

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