

## Antigonon leptopus – Coral Creeper

This stunning Mexican native climbing vine has naturalised in some of the wetter parts of northern Australia.

It is a long-lived perennial vine growing to 10m in length with slender stems and spreading by tendrils, producing underground tubers and becomes deciduous in Winter or during the dry season in areas of monsoonal climate.

Light green heart shaped leaved are crinkled and prominently veined, the thornless vine can grow over vegetation or on fences and trellises but not smothering other plants in the process.

Bright hot pink flowers are produced on terminal racemes or panicles in the Autumn to Winter but can flower throughout the year. Flowers are followed by small brown cone shaped fruit which floats and can be dispersed via waterways.

Prune back after flowering in Winter, it will quickly grow back in the Spring.

Note that this species is frost sensitive and water regularly until established when it becomes more drought tolerant.

This is a great addition for the home garden, looks fabulous on a fence or trellis and attracts many bees and insects.

Seeds are only available for a very short period!

### Propagation

Best propagated in Spring or Autumn, the optimum germination temperature is 18 - 22°C.

Soak seed in warm water overnight and sow seed on the surface of the propagation media, cover lightly – do not bury too deep!

Keep the seeds warm and moist but not too wet, germination should start within 3-4 weeks at 18-22°.