

## Podranea ricasoliana

### (Zimbabwe Creeper)

Zimbabwe creeper is evergreen to semi-deciduous vine, produces tendrils. Fast growing during warm season. Flowers might be produced any time during the warm season, but in generally blooms late summer/early fall and winter. It does best in full sun, in nutrient-rich, well-drained soil. Young plants require protection from frost. Pruning will also improve flowering.



Plant Image

#### Landscape Information

**French Name:** Bignone rose, Liane orchidée

**Pronunciation:** pod-RAY-nee-uh rik-uh-sol-ee-AH-nuh

**Plant Type:** Vine

**Origin:** Zimbabwe, South Africa

**Heat Zones:** 9, 10, 11, 12

**Hardiness Zones:** 9, 10, 11, 12

**Uses:** Espalier, Wildlife, Ground cover, Trellis

#### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Fast

**Tree Shape:** Spreading

**Canopy Symmetry:** Irregular

**Canopy Density:** Open

**Canopy Texture:** Medium

**Height at Maturity:** 3 to 5 m

**Spread at Maturity:** 1 to 1.5 meters

**Companion Plants:** Bauhinia galpinii, Plumbago auriculata, and Tecomaria capensis

#### Notes

This is an excellent plant for arbors, pergolas and is a valuable shade-giving plant in a hot climate. It is ideal for an informal hedge or planted against a wall or a fence to create a screen. It is suitable for the coastal garden

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Flower Image

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## Botanical Description

### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Opposite

**Leaf Venation:** Pinnate

**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen

**Leaf Type:** Odd Pinnately compound

**Leaf Blade:** 10 - 20

**Leaf Shape:** Ovate

**Leaf Margins:** Entire

**Leaf Textures:** Glossy, Medium

**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Green

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### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** True

**Flower Size Range:** 3 - 7

**Flower Type:** Solitary

**Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)

**Flower Scent:** No Fragrance

**Flower Color:** Purple, Pink

**Seasons:** Spring, Fall, Winter

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### Trunk

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Not Showy

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### Fruit

**Fruit Type:** Capsule

**Fruit Showiness:** False

**Fruit Colors:** Brown

**Seasons:** Spring, Fall, Winter

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Leaf Image

### Horticulture Management

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#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** Yes

**Heat Tolerant:** Yes

**Drought Tolerant:** Yes

**Salt Tolerance:** Good

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Loam, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral

**Water Requirements:** Moderate

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part

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#### Management

**Pruning Requirement:** Little needed, to develop a strong structure

**Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter:** No

**Surface Rooting:** No

**Edible Parts:**

**Pests:** Aphids

**Plant Propagations:** Seed, Cutting, Layering

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