

Bignonia capreolata

(Cross-vine)

Bignonia capreolata is a semi-evergreen fast-growing vine with shiny dark green leaves . It bursts in the spring with floral trumpets, then re-blooms until autumn. Its perfect for trellis, walls but needs support. Crossvine should be placed in a sunny location with good amount of water and well drained soil. The vine has invasive potential if not maintained well.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Bignonia
Pronunciation: big-NO-ni-a KAP-re-oh-la-ta
Plant Type: Vine
Origin: South Africa
Heat Zones: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
Hardiness Zones: 6, 7, 8, 9
Uses: Screen, Hedge, Wildlife, Trellis
Size/Shape
Growth Rate: Fast
Tree Shape: Spreading
Canopy Texture: Medium
Height at Maturity: 8 to 15 m
Spread at Maturity: 5 to 8 meters
Time to Ultimate Height: 5 to 10 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Opposite

Leaf Venation: Brachidodrome

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Even Pinnately compound

Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm

Leaf Shape: Lanceolate

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Waxy

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 3 - 7

Flower Type: Solitary

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: Yellow, Orange, Red

Seasons: Spring, Summer

Trunk

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy, Fissured

Fruit

Fruit Type: Capsule

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 3 - 7

Fruit Colors: Brown

Seasons: Spring, Summer

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: No

Salt Tolerance: Moderate

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: Yes

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: Less than 25

Edible Parts: None

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting
