

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

Toxicity: 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
