

## Bignonia capensis

### (Cape honeysucklet)

Fast growing woody vine or sprawling vine. Leaves are compound and the leaflets are ovate. It has a trumpet shaped orange flower growing in a cluster during fall and winter. It can be used as espalier and also suitable as a hedge if its pruned. It needs support for trailing.



Plant Image

#### Landscape Information

**French Name:** Técoma du Cap, Bignone du Cap

**Arabic Name:** تكوماريا

**Pronunciation:** teck-o-MARY-a cape-EN-sis

**Plant Type:** Vine

**Origin:** South Africa

**Heat Zones:** 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

**Hardiness Zones:** 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

**Uses:** Hedge, Espalier, Erosion control, Ground cover, Trellis, Green Wall

#### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Fast

**Tree Shape:**

**Canopy Symmetry:** Irregular

**Canopy Density:** Medium

**Canopy Texture:** Coarse

**Height at Maturity:** 5 to 8 m

**Spread at Maturity:** 3 to 5 meters

**Time to Ultimate Height:** 5 to 10 Years

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Flower Image

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**Botanical Description**

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**Foliage**

**Leaf Arrangement:** Opposite  
**Leaf Venation:** Pinnate  
**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen  
**Leaf Type:** Odd Pinnately compound  
**Leaf Blade:** Less than 5  
**Leaf Shape:** Ovate  
**Leaf Margins:** Dentate  
**Leaf Textures:** Glossy  
**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:** Raceme  
**Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)  
**Flower Scent:** No Fragrance  
**Flower Color:** Orange  
**Seasons:** Spring, Summer, Winter

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**Trunk**

**Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage:** Generally resists breakage  
**Number of Trunks:** Multi-Trunked  
**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Not Showy

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**Fruit**

**Fruit Type:** Capsule  
**Fruit Size Range:** 10 - 20  
**Fruit Colors:** Brown  
**Seasons:** Spring, Summer, Winter

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**Horticulture Management**

**Tolerance**

**Frost Tolerant:** No

**Heat Tolerant:** Yes

**Drought Tolerant:** No

**Salt Tolerance:** Good

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**Requirements**

**Soil Requirements:** Clay, Loam, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

**Water Requirements:** Moderate, Low

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part

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**Management**

**Toxity:** No

**Invasive Potential:** No

**Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases:** No

**Pruning Requirement:** Little 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

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