

Macfadyena unguis-cati

(Cat's Claw)

Cat's claw occurs naturally in native areas (Mexico, Latin America and the Caribbean), and is sometimes considered an invasive plant. It's a climber with a woody stem that cling to surfaces using its small arial roots.It produces yellow flowers looking like trumpet.

Can grow in poor but well-drained soils, and in full or partial sun areas.

Ideal to use as house wall climber, since it doesn't harm mansory.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Griffes à chatte, Liana patate, Patte d'oiseau
Pronounciation: mak-fad-ee-EN-uh UN-gu-iss KAT-ee
Plant Type: Vine, Groundcover
Origin: Mexico, Latin America and the Caribbean
Heat Zones: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15
Hardiness Zones: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13
Uses: Wildlife, Ground cover, Green Wall
Size/Shape
Growth Rate: Moderate
Tree Shape: Spreading
Height at Maturity: 5 to 8 m, 8 to 15 m
Spread at Maturity: 5 to 8 meters, 8 to 10 meters

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Opposite

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Semi Evergreen

Leaf Type: Trifoliate

Leaf Blade: Less than 5

Leaf Shape: Lanceolate

Leaf Margins: Serrate

Leaf Textures: Medium

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Size Range: 3 - 7

Flower Type: Solitary

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: Yellow

Seasons: Year Round

Trunk

Trunk Has Crownshaft: False

Fruit

Fruit Type: Capsule

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: Over 20 cm

Fruit Colors: Brown

Seasons: Year Round

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Invasive Potential: Yes

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Surface Rooting: Yes

Edible Parts: Leaf

Plant Propagations: Cutting, Layering

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