

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

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

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Flower Image

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### 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

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#### Flower

**Flower Size Range:** 3 - 7

**Flower Type:** Solitary

**Flower Scent:** Pleasant

**Flower Color:** Yellow

**Seasons:** Year Round

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#### Trunk

**Trunk Has Crownshaft:** False

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#### 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

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#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** Yes

**Heat Tolerant:** Yes

**Drought Tolerant:** Yes

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Loam, Sand

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

**Water Requirements:** Moderate

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part

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#### Management

**Invasive Potential:** Yes

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

**Surface Rooting:** Yes

**Edible Parts:** Leaf

**Plant Propagations:** Cutting, Layering



## MORE IMAGES



Fruit Image



Bark Image



Other Image