

ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Cross Vine Bignonia capriolata

DESCRIPTION: A climbing, woody vine reaching up to 25 ft. long. Flowering is spring to early summer. Blooms are showy, orange-red, trumpet-shaped 2 inches long. They hang in clusters of two to five. They are sometimes seen high in a tree, as the vine climbs by means of tendrils. Claws at the end of its tendrils allow Cross Vine to cling to stone, bricks and fences without support. Persistent, glossy, semi-evergreen leaves change from dark green in summer to reddish-purple in winter. It is native to the Eastern U.S.

RECOMMENDED USE: Walls, trellises, gazebos, etc.

CULTURE: Hardiness: 10°F. Sun tolerance: Best bloom is in full sun to light shade. Watering and feeding: Moderate. Fertilize in spring and early summer.

Soil requirements: Most soils will do.

Pruning: Any time as needed