



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Coral Honeysuckle

Lonicera sempervirens

DESCRIPTION: Coral Honeysuckle is a perennial vine native to open woodlands from Connecticut to Nebraska, and south to Florida to Texas. This beautiful, slender, climbing vine can grow stems to 20' long. This vine has showy, trumpet-shaped flowers, red outside, yellow inside, in several whorled clusters at the ends of the stems. Blooms are frequently visited by hummingbirds. The spring time bloom (and sometimes fall) can be followed by bright-red bird-attracting berries.

RECOMMENDED USE: Not too aggressive. Needs a trellis or fence to clamber on, as it doesn't have tendrils. Can be a mounding ground cover. Coral honeysuckle thrives in large containers or in the garden and is great for attracting wildlife.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Fully winter hardy in Tucson.



Sun tolerance: Can take full sun, but appreciates afternoon shade.



Watering and feeding: Regular watering. Feed in spring and mid-summer.



Soil requirements: Most soils will do.



Pruning: Prune coral honeysuckle back in the winter to increase flowering. May need additional pruning in July, as the hot, dry fore-summer can take its toll on the plant.