

Botanical Name: Hardenbergia violacea

Common Name: Lilac vine, Purple coral pea

Type of Plant: dicot: vine Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright, vigorous climbing vine, spreading by long, thin,  
twining stems--forms a dense thicket if not pruned annually

Height 8-10' Spread 10-12' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade (inland areas)

Soil requires a well-drained soil

Hardiness some frost (zones 9-24)

Morphology:

Leaves alternate, pinnate, lanceolate 3-5" long dark green and  
leathery -- somewhat waxy on upper surface

Flowers terminal racemes of deep purple, sweet-pea shaped flowers--  
each 1/4" across

Fruit 2" long flattened pod

Propagation: seed

Usage: used on chainlink fence, small arbors and trellises, and as  
a coarse ground cover -- can be kept shrubby - tolerates heat, wind, seacoast  
conditions; valued for winter display of purple flowers

Landscape Care:

Watering do not overwater -- keep fairly dry; alkaline water can  
contribute to chlorosis

Fertilizing balanced, slow release at planting, correct chlorosis with  
iron chelates, soil sulfur

Pruning thin and head back after blooming

Pests/Diseases spider mite, nematodes

Special Conditions

Origin: Australia Family: Fabaceae