

Botanical Name: Macfadyena unguis-cati

Common Name: Cat's claw

Type of Plant: dicot; vine Character deciduous

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape vigorous, climbing vine; climbs by forked, clawlike
tendrils; clings to any supporting structure

Height 25-30' Spread 20-30' Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun

Soil tolerates most any soil

Hardiness hardy (zones 8-24)

Morphology:

Leaves opposite, with 2 leaflets per leaf lanceolate to oblong,
to 2" long

Flowers yellow, tubular flowers to 2" long, 2" across--in spring

Fruit long, flattened silique 12" long or more

Propagation: seed, semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: good climber for walls, fences, building fronts; gives

bright color; tolerates very adverse soil, temperature and watering conditions

Landscape Care:

Watering drought tolerant once established

Fertilizing balanced in spring

Pruning head back hard in winter to force new growth/control size

Pests/Diseases none

Special Conditions

Origin: Central America Family: Bignoniaceae