

Botanical Name: Kennedia nigricans

Common Name: Black coral pea

Type of Plant: dicot; vine Family Fabaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape large scale climbing vine with thick leathery leaves and
unusual black and yellow flowers; can become rampant

Height to 25 ft. Spread to 30 ft. Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade

Soil tolerates most any soil (including alkaline)

Hardiness some frost (zones 19-24)

Morphology:

Leaves thick, ovate leaves to 5" long, with emarginate, mucronate
leaf tips; sometimes found to be trifoliate

Flowers black and yellow, sweet-pea shaped flowers, in clusters;
flowers to 1" long, during spring and early summer

Fruit woody pod to 3" long

Propagation: semihardwood cuttings or seed

Usage: aggressive vine useful for covering large fences or banks;
used for unusual flowers, durable growth and easy care; useful in informal
landscape styles

Landscape Care:

Watering takes regular water when young, becoming drought tolerant
when established

Fertilizing balanced in spring during first few years

Pruning thin out and control size yearly in spring

Pests/Diseases none significant

Other

Origin: Eastern Australia