

Botanical Name: Combretum fruticosum

Common Name: Combretum

Type of Plant: dicot; vine Character partially deciduous

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape spawling, woody vine with long trailing stems and light golden green foliage; tends to sprawl and climb rather than twine over fences and other structures

Height 15 - 20' Spread 15 - 20' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun

Soil tolerates most any soil with good drainage

Hardiness some frost (zones 15-17, 19, 21-24)

Morphology:

Leaves opposite, elliptic to lanceolate 3-4" long, bronzy red when young, turning light green when mature

Flowers spikes of small orange flowers with long showy stamens - arranged in pairs; 4" long clusters resemble small bottlebrush flowers

Fruit 4-winged, dry leathery capsule

Propagation: seed semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: effective on warm sunny walls if supported - good on fence, trellis or arbor, low maintenance areas; for orange flower color very exotic looking vine when in bloom

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers an occasional deep soak; will tolerate regular watering

Fertilizing balanced in spring; correct chlorosis as required

Pruning head back lightly to keep controlled

Pests/Diseases none

Special Conditions

Origin: Trop. Amer. Family: Combretaceae