

Lonicera sempervirens 'Coral Honeysuckle'

Coral Honeysuckle, also called trumpet honeysuckle, is a low-maintenance, rapidly growing, twining vine native to the Southeast. Clusters of blooms emerge on



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new growth in spring and summer. Native honeysuckle is not invasive and is non-fragrant. Coral honeysuckle is an alternative to Japanese honeysuckle (*L. japonica*), which is invasive and typically has white or yellow flowers.



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This plant grows in medium-moisture, organically rich, well-drained, neutral-to-acidic soils. It does not tolerate dry sands. It will grow in some shade, but best flowering is in full sun. It flowers on new growth, so avoid pruning until after flowering. High nitrogen fertilizer will produce foliage at the expense of flowers.

Its flowers are

attractive to hummingbirds, bees, butterflies and some moth pollinators. It is a nectar source of Ruby-throated Hummingbirds and a larval host for the Spring Azure Butterfly and the Snowberry Clearwing Moth.

Inedible small, rounded, red berries that form in late summer to early fall can be ornamentally attractive and are attractive to songbirds.

This twining vine can reach 10- to 20-ft. tall and 3- to 6-ft. wide. It needs a support structure unless it is used as a sprawling ground cover. It is a nice addition to a butterfly, native, or pollinator garden. Its salt tolerance makes it especially welcome in coastal gardens. It is also drought tolerant.



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Watch for aphids. Powdery mildew and leaf spots may occur, particularly in hot and humid summer climates. The foliage may be eaten by white-tailed deer.

This plant has an extreme flammability rating and should not be planted within the defensible space of your home.

Gardeners looking for this plant can find it at native plant nurseries. Gardeners can also propagate new plants from cuttings.

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SOURCES:

[Lonicera sempervirens \(Coral Honeysuckle, Honeysuckle, Trumpet Honeysuckle, Woodbine\) | North Carolina Extension Gardener Plant Toolbox \(ncsu.edu\)](#)

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