Alabama Scarlet Trumpet Honeysuckle

Lonicera sempervirens 'Alabama Scarlet'

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

A stunning vine featuring showy bright scarlet-red tubular flowers with yellow throats all season long; easy to grow, flowers best in full sun; ideal for covering an arbor, fence or trellis



Alabama Scarlet Trumpet Honeysuckle in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Alabama Scarlet Trumpet Honeysuckle features showy clusters of scarlet trumpet-shaped flowers with orange throats at the ends of the branches from late spring to mid summer. It features an abundance of magnificent red berries from mid to late fall. It has bluish-green deciduous foliage which emerges burgundy in spring. The oval leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.



Alabama Scarlet Trumpet Honeysuckle flowers
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Landscape Attributes

Alabama Scarlet Trumpet Honeysuckle is a multi-stemmed deciduous woody vine with a twining and trailing habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This woody vine will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Alabama Scarlet Trumpet Honeysuckle is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Alabama Scarlet Trumpet Honeysuckle will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. As a climbing vine, it tends to be leggy near the base and should be underplanted with low-growing facer plants. It should be planted near a fence, trellis or other landscape structure where it can be trained to grow upwards on it, or allowed to trail off a retaining wall or slope. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This woody vine should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selection of a native North American species.