Honeysuckle, Major Wheeler Coral

Lonicera sempervirens 'Major Wheeler'



Honeysuckle, Major Wheeler Coral flowers
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Height: 10 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Other Names: Trumpet Honeysuckle

Description:

A stunning vine featuring showy bright coral red tubular flowers with orange throats all season long; easy to grow, flowers best in full sun; ideal for covering an arbor, fence or trellis; mildew free and heat tolerant

Ornamental Features

Honeysuckle, Major Wheeler Coral features showy clusters of coral-pink trumpet-shaped flowers with orange throats at the ends of the branches from late spring to mid summer. It has green deciduous foliage. The oval leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Honeysuckle, Major Wheeler Coral 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.

Honeysuckle, Major Wheeler Coral is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use



Honeysuckle, Major Wheeler Coral in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Honeysuckle, Major Wheeler Coral will grow to be about 10 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 does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. To help this plant achive its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. 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.



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