

Emerald Goddess Gardens

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A Gift from Our Garden

Botanical Name	Tecoma capensis
Common Name	Cape Honeysuckle
Mature Size	6 ft.
Bloom Color	Orange to Peach Apricot
Bloom Period	Perpetual in Warm Climates
Bloom Form	Trumpet Shaped Cluster
Water	Drought Tolerant Once Established
Light	Full Sun
Fragrance	None
Uses	Hedge, Accent, Ornamental, Potted Specimen, Border
Special Features	Easy to grow, salt tolerant, showy bloom
USDA Hardiness	9, 10, 11



***Tecoma capensis* or Cape Honeysuckle** is the type of plant that my grandmother always referred to as a '*scrambler*', meaning it was neither shrub nor vine, but would nonetheless grow up, over or around most anything.

This native of South Africa is a cheerful and versatile addition to subtropical landscapes. It can be trained to grow on a trellis, allowed to cascade over walls or plants, can be used as barrier/hedge/screen, or as ground cover or erosion control on steep slopes or rocky banks. It can adapt to a wide range of soil, is salt tolerant, and able to survive with minimal irrigation once it is well established.

The most common type produces flowers in bright scarlet orange red, while the *Mango Cape Honeysuckle* is a somewhat more rare, and lesser known cultivar that rewards with abundant trumpet shaped, nectar filled flowers that draw in butterflies and hummingbirds in pale tones of apricot peach and mango.

Find a larger starter size **Cape Honeysuckle** on our website and skip the wait to maturity on your starter plug!

https://www.emeraldgoddessgardens.com/shop/index.php?main_page=advanced_search_result&search_in_description=1&keyword=cape+honeysuckle

For quick answers to your growing or planting questions, just email us at service@emeraldgoddessgardens.com

If you don't know your USDA Planting Zone, you can check the map on our website site at emeraldgoddessgardens.com

Please accept this gift from our garden:

- It is sent with our thanks, and in an effort to keep the old tradition of pass-along plants alive.
- We understand that it might not be a plant you like, or even have spot for. If that should be the case, then please pass it along to a friend. (Along with our contact information, we hope!)
- We change the type of plant that we enclose frequently, so you can anticipate a new surprise with each new order.
- *Enjoy, and please come back often!*

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Care of your starter plug:

Direct planting of starter plugs directly into landscaped is not recommended. So, for the best results with your new starter plug, we suggest that it be repotted into a larger pot and allowed to grow larger until the new pot is filled with roots before setting out.

- Immediately re-pot the new plant into a 6-8 inch diameter pot that can drain easily and thoroughly.
- Use a good quality commercial potting media.
- Apply a high quality, **slow release** plant food according to the label directions.
- Locate so that the plant can receive direct, full spectrum, light for several hours daily, but is protected from hot, direct afternoon sun.
- If reusing the crystals, mix and incorporate them thoroughly throughout the potting media.
- Be sure the pot can drain and that the bottom of the pot does not sit submerged in water for more than a day
- Supplement feed with a water soluble plant food every 2-3 weeks according to the label directions.
- Prune or pinch lightly and often when the plant is young and actively growing to strength the central stalk and encourage branching and build uniform shape.
- Monitor for signs of disease or insects and treat accordingly
- Protect from freeze and frost
- Allow the new plot to fill with roots before setting out in the landscape in the recommended USDA Zone Range for the plant.