# **Lakeshore Garden Centres**

## Western Wonga Wonga Vine

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Western Wonga Wonga Vine Pandorea doratoxylon

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: O

Hardiness Zone: 9b

Other Names: Fineleaf Wonga Wonga Vine, frm. Tecoma doratoxylon

#### **Description:**

An evergreen, non-twining vine with fine, dark green divided foliage; sprays of tubular, cream colored flowers with burgundy throat markings in spring; flowers best with at least part day sun; takes pruning well; a stunning trellis or garden wall plant

### **Ornamental Features**

Western Wonga Wonga Vine features showy clusters of creamy white tubular flowers with burgundy spots hanging below the branches from early spring to early summer. It has attractive dark green evergreen foliage which emerges coppery-bronze in spring. The small glossy pointy leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter.

#### Landscape Attributes

Western Wonga Wonga Vine is a multi-stemmed evergreen woody vine with a twining and trailing habit of growth. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which can make it a great accent feature on this basis alone.

This woody vine will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Western Wonga Wonga Vine is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting



Western Wonga Wonga Vine foliage Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

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### **Planting & Growing**

Western Wonga Wonga Vine will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. 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 performs well in both full sun and full shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. This plant will benefit from an application of bonemeal and/or mycorrhizal fertilizer at the time of planting. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by cuttings.

Western Wonga Wonga Vine makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.

This plant is not reliably hardy in our region, and certain restrictions may apply; contact the store for more information.