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Antigonon leptopus

[Synonyms : *Antigonon cordatum*, *Corculum leptopum*]

CORAL VINE is an evergreen climbing vine. Native to Middle and South America (particularly Mexico) it has bright pink (occasionally white) flowers.

It is also known as *Amor Agarradinho* (Portuguese), *Belle Mexicaine* (Creole, French, Guadeloupe and Martinique), *Bellissima*, *Bunga bonet* (Malay), Chain of love, Confederate vine, Coral creeper, *Corallilo* (Spanish), Corallita, *Engletare* (Danish), Honolulu creeper, Honolulu vine, *Kaerlighedsvin* (Danish), *Korallenwein* (German), *Liane corail* (French), Love's chain, Mexican creeper, Mexican mountain rose, *Mexikanischer Knöterich* (German), Mountain rose, Mountain-rose coral-vine, Pink vine, Privy vine, Purple wreath, Queen's jewels, Queen's wreath, Rosa de montana, *Rosenknöterich* (German), *Rosensky* (Swedish), Rose-of-the-mountain, and Sandwich Island creeper.

Leptopus is derived from Greek *lepto-* (thin) component meaning 'slender- or thin-stalked'.

The tubers (that can reach a weight of 15 lb) are eaten locally.

Coral vine is familiar in many tropical areas in cultivation as an ornamental plant.

Bees are attracted by the flowers and make an enjoyable honey.

Medicinally, in the Caribbean a tea of leaves and flowers is used as a treatment for coughs.