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Campsis radicans

[Synonyms : *Bignonia radicans*, *Campsis curtisii*, *Tecoma radicans*]

TRUMPET CLIMBER is a deciduous climbing vine. Native to south-eastern North America it has orange-yellow throated, scarlet flowers with curved stamens.

It is also known as American trumpet creeper, *Amerikanische Klettertrompete* (German), Bignonia, Chinese trumpet creeper, Common trumpet creeper, Cow-itch vine, *Křivouš kořenující* (Czech), *Trompetenblume* (German), *Trubač* (Czech), *Trúbkovec koreňujúci* (Slovak), Trumpet creeper, Trumpet flower, Trumpet honeysuckle, and Trumpet vine.

The flowers are pollinated by humming birds, and ants (attracted by nectar secreted from different parts of the plant) deter other insects that might otherwise eat the leaves, fruit and seeds.

Warning – the leaves and flowers are potentially poisonous. Externally they can cause dermatitis.

Radicans is derived from Latin *radicis* (root) meaning ‘with rooting stems’.

The common name Cow-itch vine is said to reflect the fact that the plant’s skin irritant can cause a burning or itching sensation and redness on susceptible skins.

Trumpet climber is the floral emblem of the State of Kentucky in the United States.

The vine was introduced to Europe in the late 1630s.