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*Cocculus carolinus*

[Synonyms : *Cebatha carolina*, *Epibaterium carolinum*, *Menispermum carolinum*]

**CAROLINA MOONSEED** is a twining, evergreen vine. Native to the south-eastern United States it has small, greenish-white flowers.

It is also known as Carolina coralbead, Coral beads, Coral berry, Red-berried moonseed, Red moonseed, and Snail seed.

Warning – all parts, especially the seeds, are allegedly poisonous.

*Carolinus* means ‘of or from North or South Carolina (United States)’.

The North American Houma Indians, found in Louisiana, took a drink made from the root as a blood tonic.