

## Tips for Success

**Water:** Water your plants immediately after taking them out of the box. Give them enough water so that the soil appears damp and water trickles out the bottom of the pot. Keep moist during the entire growing season (Summer - Fall), particularly during the first season.

**Plants look Dry or Foliage appears Lackluster:** These plants require little attention and grow in about any soil type. Transplant into the garden or larger containers as soon as evening temperatures stay above 45 degrees Fahrenheit. Once planted, water your plant again to help it get acclimated to it's new home.

**Vine Growth:** As a climber, they will fasten themselves to a wall, trellis, pergola, post or fence growing vertically and laterally. During the growing season, pinch back vines from time to time to assure dense growth. Is is very beneficial to provide some sort of trellis, cage, or support that it can cling onto during the active growing season.

**First Year Maintenance:** For perennials, the first year (or sometimes two) will require additional maintenance. During the first season of growth, even if the plant is known to be drought-tolerant, it is very important to water your plants on a regular basis, meaning up to 3-4 times per week. When plants are in their infancy stage, they need to be watered by their caretaker until they've had a chance to build a strong enough root system to subsist on their own. If you are experiencing severe heat, drought like conditions, or your plants appear consistently droopy, you may need to water your plants almost every day.

**Blooming and Winter Care:** Under correct conditions, blooming begins in July and lasts into mid fall. These plants will lose all of their foliage in the winter and there is no need to cut the foliage back to the ground. Just simply allow the leaves to drop off. Dead and weak wood should be removed in early spring as necessary. Shortening lateral branches encourages thicker growth.



## Roberta's Gardens PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



**Water Wise Hummingbird Vine**  
*Campsis radicans*

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**Perennials**

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## Quick Reference

 **Plant Type:** Perennial

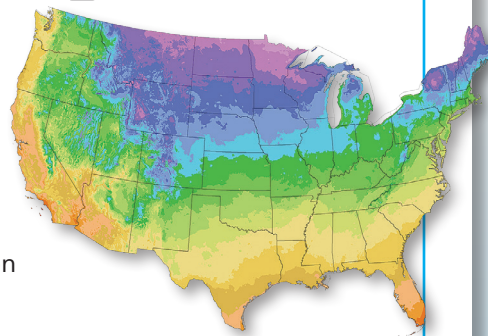
 **Light/Sun:** Full Sun

 **Mature Height:** 6' in 1st year  
(up to 35' by 3rd year)

 **Mature Spread:** 4' to 8'

 **Bloom Time:** Mid Summer  
through Autumn by 2nd Season

 **USDA Hardiness Zones:** 4 to 10



## Plant Caretaking

**Upon Arrival:** Please take plants out of the box immediately and remove any shipping materials from around the plants. Give them some water and place them in a warm sunny area for 1-2 days before replanting.

**Planting Depth & Spacing:** Dig holes twice the width of the root ball and about 5-6 inches deep. Place them in their holes. Pack soil firmly around roots. If planting in garden or together in one container space 10 to 15 feet apart. If planting in garden or together in one container space 10 to 15 feet apart. Depending on your pruning, they will grow 15-35 feet tall in about 3 years.

**Potted Plants:** Rather than in the garden you may re-pot into large containers. Re pot the plants into at least 15 inch pots separately or together inside one larger container. As a climber, they will need a trellis, cage, or post to cling onto. During the growing season, pinch back vines from time to time to assure dense growth.

**Soil Preparation:** Pick a sunny location near a wall, trellis, pergola, post or fence where they can grow both vertically and laterally. If you soil is clayish, amend it with standard potting mix to improve drainage.

**Watering:** To determine if your plant needs water, put your finger in the top of the soil and if the top inch is dry, it is time to water. It is important to make sure young plants do not experience long periods of dryness. Their soil likes to remain damp during growing season.

**Fertilizer:** Use Roberta's Bounty a couple weeks after planting and then once or twice a month all summer long.

**Pruning & Winter Care:** Very aggressive climber, but can be contained and shaped into a small tree if during the growing season, you pinch back the vines from time to time to assure dense growth. You'll be glad to know there are NO thorns. Shortening lateral branches encourages thicker growth. Dead and weak wood should be removed in early spring as necessary. Other than this no regular fall or spring pruning is necessary. These plants will lose all of their foliage in the winter.

**Pet Considerations:** Ensure your pets do not consume plants.

## Planting Steps

**Step 1** Remove plants from their box and take off other packing materials. Open your box outside or somewhere you don't mind getting messy, as some of the soil may have been shaken loose in transit.

**Step 2** Check if your plant is thirsty. They probably need a nice drink of water after their voyage. If the plant feels light or the soil is dry to the touch, give your plants a watering.

**Step 3** Allow your plants time to adjust to their new home before re-planting by placing them in a warm sunny spot for 1-2 days. Then they will be ready for re-planting with renewed vigor.

**Step 4** Pull away or cut off any yellow or brown leaves, or any old flowers – this is normal.

**Step 5** Transplant into the garden or containers as soon as evening temperatures stay above 40F. Dig holes the width of the root ball and deep enough so that the original top of the soil is flush with the new soil line. Water the new location before and after planting your plant. This will help the young roots stay hydrated. Once you've placed your plant in the hole, fill in the rest of the hole with extra soil or potting mix, ensuring the entire root system is covered with soil.

