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SPECIES	Hardenbergia violacea
COMMON NAME	Native Sarsaparilla, Purple Coral Pea
ORIGIN	Native Australia
DESIGN USE	Cover for fences, arbors, walls and can be trained as ground cover



HEIGHT

12–16 feet

HABIT

A climbing evergreen plant whose branches twist around the stems of other plants. It is moderately vigorous but rarely covers other plants so extensively as to cause damage.

FORM

A hardy, evergreen, twining, woody stemmed climber, which has dark green leathery leaves.

FLOWERS

The flowers are usually violet in colour but pink, white and other colours are sometimes found. The flowers are the typical “pea” shape consisting of 4 petals; the “standard”, the “keel” and two “wings”.

FLOWERING PERIOD

Winter and Spring

VARIATIONS

- “Pink Fizz” (pink flowers - climbing, not vigorous)
- “Mini Haha” (compact, shrubby - purple flowers)
- “Free ‘n’ Easy” (whitish flowers, vigorous climber)
- “Blushing Princess” (shrubby - mauve-pink flowers)

CLIMATIC TOLERANCES

It likes a sunny or semi shaded position. It flowers better in full sun and it needs well drained soil and preferably likes a frost free site, although it tolerates some frost.

HORTICULTURE

It is adaptable to most soils and aspects although sunnier positions will usually result in better flowering. Soil should be kept moist until fully established, otherwise drought tolerant. Pruning not necessary but can be used to control growth and spread

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