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Calico Flower *Aristolochia littoralis*

DESCRIPTION: Calico Flower is a rapidly growing woody vine, twining to 12' or more. Bright green leaves are usually evergreen and the vining stems become quite woody with age. Flowers are solitary and quite large, for a pipevine. low and brown blooms resemble miniature elephant trunks. Flowering occurs throughout the late spring through the summer. Each 3" flower is shaped like a curved pipe. Flower color is creamy white densely mottled with deep purple-brown. It is a wonderful food for pipe vine swallow tail butterfly caterpillars. It is native to Central and South America.

RECOMMENDED USE: Gives a tropical look for the leaf form and color, makes a ground cover and covers trellises.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: May be tender below 20°F, but becomes hardier as trunks thicken.



Sun tolerance: Calico Flower grows best in morning sun to all-day light shade..



Watering and feeding: Water regularly during the growth period, once or twice a week. Slow down watering during winter as the plant goes dormant. Fertilize with a balanced fertilizer every month throughout the growing season.



Soil requirements: It grows best in well-drained soil.



Pruning: As needed to control.