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Queen's Wreath or Sanmiguelito

Antigonon leptopus

DESCRIPTION: The pink-flowered queen's wreath has been popular in tropical gardens for many years. It can be found from southern Sonoran Desert, south into Mexico. It is a vigorous vine that freezes to the ground in most winters and grows 30 feet or more each summer. It blooms profusely from June (if not frozen the previous winter) to November. From southern Baja California comes a variety with flowers from deep coral to crimson. Also offered is a variation which has flowers that are pale pink to white. Flowers attract butterflies such as the Queen butterfly.

RECOMMENDED USE: Use as a dense screen on fences or walls, or create summer shade by growing on a ramada. Queen's Wreath will climb trees and poles.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Freezes to ground but recovers rapidly.



Sun tolerance: Full sun preferred. Loves heat!



Watering and feeding: This vine has deep roots and is very drought tolerant when established (after the second year in ground). Control size by regulating irrigation. Once a month is sufficient; once a week results in a huge vine. Fertilize once or twice a year.



Soil requirements: Remove frost-killed vines each winter for appearance.



Pruning: Most vigorous in deep soil, but will tolerate almost any well drained soil. Seems to be resistant to Texas root rot.