



Fast Facts!

Crossvine

Bignonia capreolata

Next to the Shade Garden

- Crossvine refers to the cross-shaped pattern revealed in a cut stem.
- A native perennial in Virginia, it is also native in Florida to east Texas, north to Maryland, West Virginia and the Ohio River valley.
- Can be aggressive. Affixes to anything: stone, brick, and wood.
- An early nectar source for butterflies; also attracts hummingbirds and other wildlife and pollinators.
- Best flowering (March through June) can be achieved in full sun and with plenty moisture.
- Tolerates all types of well-drained soil and brief flooding.
- Not deer resistant.
- Crossvine has a pair of leaves with a middle tendril that clings to the surface. Not to be confused with:
 - Trumpet vine (*Campsis radicans*), an invasive vine that has twining stems that encircle supports and has bright blue berries in the fall.
 - Virginia creeper (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*), where tendrils with disks fasten onto bark or rock.
- Visit www.plantnovanatives.org for information about other native plants.