## Goldflame Honeysuckle

***Lonicera x heckrottii***

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 6a

Other Names: Everblooming Honeysuckle

**Description:**

A very popular vine valued for its exceptionally colorful pinkish-red tubular flowers which are produced over a very long period; very easy to grow and not excessively aggressive, a great choice for arbors and trellises

**Ornamental Features**

Goldflame Honeysuckle features showy clusters of fragrant shell pink trumpet-shaped flowers with yellow overtones and pink edges at the ends of the branches from early to mid spring, which emerge from distinctive cherry red flower buds. It has bluish-green deciduous foliage which emerges burgundy in spring. The oval leaves do not develop any appreciable fall colour. However, the fruit can be messy in the landscape and may require occasional clean-up.

**Landscape Attributes**

Goldflame Honeysuckle is a multi-stemmed deciduous woody vine with a twining and trailing habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.



*Goldflame Honeysuckle flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*



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This woody vine will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Goldflame Honeysuckle is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use



*Goldflame Honeysuckle in bloom*
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**Planting & Growing**

Goldflame Honeysuckle will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. As a climbing vine, it tends to be leggy near the base and should be underplanted with low-growing facer plants. It should be planted near a fence, trellis or other landscape structure where it can be trained to grow upwards on it, or allowed to trail off a retaining wall or slope. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This woody vine should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.