

# Honeysuckle 'Donald Waterer'

*Lonicera etrusca* 'Donald Waterer'

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**Honeysuckle (*Lonicera etrusca*):**

A deciduous perennial climber, *Lonicera etrusca* offers a spectacular, though delicate-looking floral specimen in summer. Vigorous, it can make light work of wall-sides and trellises, with its grey-green, rounded leaves growing from thin, reddish-brown stems. Its flowers win the plaudits, with dense floral spikes emerging from fused leaves and producing light yellow or pink tubular blossoms that are extremely fragrant. These flowers give way to clusters of bright red berries in late autumn. Commonly known as Etruscan honeysuckle, it grows best in moist but well-drained soil and in full sun. But it is tender to frost, so planting in a sheltered location is important.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
<b>Known dangers?</b> yes	<b>Acidity</b> Acidic Neutral Alkaline	<b>Standard category</b> Climbers
<b>Dangers: comments</b> Avoid eating its berries, or risk having mild stomach upset.	<b>Hardiness zone</b> Z7-9	<b>Grown for</b> Attractive Flowers
<b>Height [m]</b> 3 - 5	<b>Heat zone</b> H9-3	<b>Creative category</b> Fine fragrants For Beginners Colours Bonsai For birds & bees

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<b>Spread [m]</b> 1	<b>Winter temperatures [°C]</b> -18 - -1	<b>Garden type</b> Cottage garden Coastal
<b>Dominant flower colour</b> Mixed colours	<b>Heat days</b> 7 - 150	<b>Garden spaces</b> Walls, trellises and pergolas
<b>Flower Fragrance</b> Yes, let it smell	<b>Moisture</b> well-drained well-drained but frequently watered	<b>Gardening expertise</b> beginner
<b>Flowering seasons</b> Late spring Early summer Mid summer Late summer Early autumn	<b>Soil type</b> sandy Clay chalky loams	<b>Time to reach full size</b> up to 10 years
<b>Foliage in spring</b> Blue-green	<b>Sun requirements</b> Full sun Partial shade	
<b>Foliage in summer</b> Blue-green	<b>Exposure</b> Exposed Sheltered	
<b>Propagation methods</b> Greenwood cuttings seed Hardwood cuttings		
<b>Growth habit</b> Climbing		