Scarlet Runner



Scientific name: Kennedia prostrata

Aboriginal name: Kabin (Vic)



About ...

Also known as the 'Running Postman' because the colour of the flowers match the colour of post boxes. The genus is named after Lewis Kennedy, an eighteenth century English nurseryman.

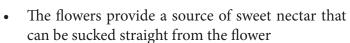
This plant is native to the South East and South West Form of Australia.

The plant's ability to cover large areas of ground over a short period of time helps to retain moisture within the ground. It is considered a 'living mulch'.

Scarlet Runner is quite a hardy plant which is able to Foliage resist light frost and dry periods.

Flat seed pods, about 50 mm long, follow after the flower has died.

Aboriginal Uses



Leaves are used to make a tea-like drink, which has a pleasant liquorice flavour

The stems of the plant are used as twine

Family PAPILIONACEAE

Climate **Temperate**

Open forests and sandy plains of the Habitat south west of WA

Low ground creeper

Can cover an area of 1 – 3 m

Stems grow out from a central point and can wind throughout an area to entangle

other plants

Leaves grow in threes from the long

Mid-to-dark green leaves in a round

heart shape

Broad, soft and crinkly

Kambarang to Bunuru (Spring and Summer)

25 – 30 mm long

Delicate, red and pea-like

Yellow centre

Described as 'butterflies on stems'

Hairy and green

Turn red then brown

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Fruit

Flower













