



## ANTIGONON LEPTOPUS QUEEN'S WREATH VINE

**OUTSTANDING FEATURES:** Queen's Wreath is valued for its long sprays of very showy flowers, which vary in color from white to pink to shades of red. 'Baja Red', the selection with the deepest red color, comes from seed collected in southern Baja California. The large, heart shaped leaves and dense growth of this vine combine with the summer and early fall blossoms to give a lush, tropical feeling.

**DESCRIPTION:** *Antigonon leptopus* is a fast growing vine with stems reaching to 20 feet long. Its heart-shaped, lush green leaves can be as large as 4 inches long and 3 inches wide. The stems are herbaceous and annual, dying back to a large, underground root in the winter; regrowing when the weather warms up enough in late spring. The stems climb by tendrils which wrap around many types of supports. Long sprays of white, pink, or red flowers appear in the summer and fall.

**CULTURE/MAINTENANCE:** *Antigonon leptopus* is a fast growing vine with stems that die to the enlarged root in winter. As the root becomes older and more established, it will produce longer and more abundant stems each successive year. This vine thrives in the sun and heat, so an appropriate planting location would be against a south or west facing wall. At temperatures in the mid-20's, the leaves and stems will die back to the ground, necessitating some winter or spring clean-up. Queen's Wreath is tolerant of a variety of soil types, ranging from good garden soil to dry, rocky, desert soil. It will grow faster if given regular applications of supplemental water in the summer. Some summer pruning and training may be required if the vine is growing too rapidly.



**IDENTIFICATION:** Queen's Wreath is easily identified by its heart shaped leaves and long sprays of very distinctive flowers. There are no other species of *Antigonon* in cultivation.

**LANDSCAPE APPLICATION:** *Antigonon leptopus* can be used to provide a fast screen or overhead cover. It can be grown on a trellis or chain-link fence, an overhead arbor to provide summer shade, or up the trunks of desert trees. Plant it at the base of *Cercidium* or *Prosopis* trees for a splash of unexpected summer color. It can be used to break up large expanses of blank walls. When grown on an overhead frame, it provides summer shade, while allowing sunshine through in the winter. Queen's Wreath also makes an effective summer ground cover.

**PRECAUTIONS:** The enlarged root will need some frost protection, and should be covered with a thick layer of mulch for the winter. The dead leaves and stems will require cleanup in the winter.

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*Antigonon leptopus* growing in trees and shrubs near Guaymas in Sonora, Mexico.



Close up of *Antigonon leptopus*.



A close up of *Antigonon leptopus* 'Baja Red'.

AT A GLANCE SUMMARY	
SIZE (HEIGHT x WIDTH)	20 - 25 feet long
FLOWER COLOR	White, pink, or red
FLOWER SEASON	Summer and fall
EXPOSURE	Full sun, reflected heat
WATER	Low to high
GROWTH RATE	Slow to fast
HARDINESS	20° F USDA 9
PRUNING	Winter clean up
HARDY IN THESE CITIES	Phoenix, Tucson, Palm Desert, San Diego, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, El Paso, South Texas

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