

## Dolichandra Unguis, Cat's Claw - Plant



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Description

### Description for Dolichandra Unguis, Cat's Claw

Dolichandra unguis cati has semipersistent foliage. Stems are woody and can reach 20 meters. Thin and small aerial roots are used for climbing. Leaves are dark green, opposite and bifoliate. Leaflets have a length of 3 to 4 cm. The plant produces flowers during the wet season. Flowers are yellow, have a diameter of 4 to 5 cm and can grow alone or in groups of 2 or 3.

Long primary roots extend beneath the soil surface, producing large tubers 40 to 50 centimetres long. Fruits are brown flattened capsules from 25 to 95 cm long. Each capsule contains 100 to 200 seeds.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Cat s claw , Cortex Uncariae , life-giving vine of Peru , samento,Dolichandra unguis- cati, commonly known as cats claw creeper, funnel creeper,[2] or cat's claw trumpet	green	spring-summer	100 feet	easy to grow

### Planting and care

plant care may require a bit of effort, but the results are well worth the work. Not all plants are fragrant, but the most common and hardy do produce a sweet, carrying fragrance. Common is a vine and has larger glossy green leaves than Royal. Both can survive in temperate climates if they are planted in a sheltered area.

This plant is native to the tropical dry forest of Central America, South America and the Caribbean. In these natural areas it occurs from sea level to over 600 meters above sea level and where the rainfall is 750 to 2400 mm per year. It can become invasive and it is present worldwide. It can affect all layers of plants of forest ecosystems by rapidly spreading both vertically and horizontally.

Sunlight  
Full Sun

Soil  
well-drained soil

Water  
Medium

Temperature  
85C

Fertilizer  
Apply any organic fertilizer

## Caring for Dolichandra Unguis

- Plants love water but dont drown them.
- That is, they dont like to sit in water, and they will die if the soil is too wet in winter.
- The ideal soil is rich and loose, with good drainage.
- One of the worst mistakes you can make is to not provide adequate drainage.

## Typical uses of Dolichandra Unguis

**Special features:** Cats Claw is a Taoist Tonic Herb, which we consider to be one of the top 20 tonic herbs in the world. It gets itâ€™s name from the hooks that exist on this vine, of which the bark and root are most commonly used.

**Culinary use:**

**Ornamental use:** The plant is used for ornamental purpose.

**Medicinal use:** Cat s claw is a plant. Two species of cat s claw, Uncaria tomentosa and Uncaria guianensis, are of primary interest for use as medicine. Uncaria tomentosa is most commonly used in the U.S., and Uncaria guianensis is typically used in Europe. Medicine is made from the root and bark.

## References

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- <http://www.flowersofindia.net/>

## Reviews

Wednesday, 30 August 2017

Keep it away from harsh direct sunlight to prevent leaf burn.

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Thursday, 24 August 2017

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