

Creeping Snowberry

Symphoricarpos mollis



General Information

- Sun Exposure: Part shade
- Water Needs: Very low
- Cold Tolerance: 0-10 degrees Fahrenheit
- Flowering Time: Spring, summer

Planting Guide

- Propagating: Propagate from cuttings or divisions
- Growing from seed: To propagate by seed, soak the seed in a concentrated solution of sulfuric acid for 1 hour. Alternatively, propagate by doing 3-4 months of warm stratification. After either method, conduct 4-6 months of cold stratification. Plant them in late spring or early summer, after the last expected frosts.
- Location: Prefers dry open places
- Soil Description: Tolerates a variety of soils (fast, medium, or slow drainage). Grows well in heavy clay soils. Soil pH of 4.0-7.0
- Initial Watering: Keep soil moist until established

Care Guide

- Irrigation: Drought tolerant once established
- Pruning:
 - Prune shortly after blooming
 - Prune 1-5 of the largest canes all the way to the ground in early spring every year depending on the size of the plant

- Fertilizer: Not required

Additional Notes

- Commonly used for bank stabilization, groundcovers, bird gardens, butterfly gardens, and bee gardens
- The berries are edible, but contain saponins (tastes like soap)
- Susceptible to powdery mildew, but can be avoided with good air circulation and by using drip irrigation (as opposed to overhead watering)

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