February-March Bloomer:
Flame Vine; Orange-Creeper

**Flame Vine** (*Pyrostegia venusta*)

**Origin:** Brazil, Bolivia, Argentina and Paraguay

**Growth Rate:** Fast

**Zone:** 10b—12 (Minimum 35°F)

**Light Requirements:** Medium; high

**Drought Tolerance:** High

**Salt Tolerance:** Low

**Soil Requirements:** Wide

**Nutritional Requirements:** Medium

**Plant Type:** Evergreen vine

**Flower Color:** Orange

**Flower Characteristics:** Showy

**Flowering Season:** Winter; spring

**Propagation:** Cuttings

**Common Uses:** Flowering Vine

**Human Hazards:** None

**Major Problems:** None

A 20 foot growth in North Fort Myers, Mid-February

Flame vine at its peak in mid-February in Fort Myers
The flame vine is perhaps second to Confederate jasmine (*Trachelospermum Jasminoides*) in its popularity in South Florida. It is a vigorous, fast-growing, evergreen vine and an excellent cover for long horizontal fences and tall vertical posts. In Lee County, it is a reliable bloomer initiating flowering in late January or early February and coming to a crescendo in mid February and March. A single vine can be more than 80 ft. long and profusely branched. Prune moderately to severely to encourage branching and more flowers the next year. Unpruned vines tend to have decreasing numbers of flowers in successive years. Irrigate well for several weeks after pruning.

Click [here](#) for more information on the flame vine.

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**Leaf:** Compound, with two to three oval leaflets. The bottom two leaflets are arranged opposite from each other. Often, the center leaflet is modified into a coiled tendril.

**Flower:** Tubular, borne in clusters of 15—20 flowers.