

## Araujia - The Cruel Plant - Growing Guide

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The theme of our stand at Chelsea in 2017 was 'Plants as Pollinators' and a key feature of this was the 'Cruel Plant'. A bizarre plant with a good story!

*Araujia sericofera* is a vigorous, twining, evergreen climber that grows in many parts of South America. You see it growing like a weed all over fences and trees on field edges in the corn belts of Argentina where it can grow up to 20ft in frost free areas.



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This is a conservatory or greenhouse plant in most of the UK but it will survive outside on a sheltered wall in the mildest areas. It produces huge oval grey-green seed pods of up to 5in in length and seems to do this more regularly when grown outside on a hot south facing wall.



Araujia sericofera seed  
pod and seeds

[collecting, storing and growing seeds](#) if you are interested in reading more.

## Training Climbers - Video Tip

View this video on Youtube here <https://www.youtube.com/XfXsF7hdgLg?rel=0>

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