

Bomaria - Growing Guide

Growing Bomaria – Climbing Alstroemeria

One of the most impressive plants in the (almost frost free) Burncoose conservatory are the climbing and twining species of bomaria which grow up through a mature 8-10ft tall *Rhododendron sinonuttallii* which has an even wider spread.

We offer two species of bomaria from time to time on our website:

Bomaria caldasii from Columbia and Ecuador



Bomaria caldasii



Bomaria caldasii



Bomaria edulis



Bomaria edulis



Bomaria edulis

Both species have huge clusters of 20 to 30 tubular hanging bell shaped flowers which can appear through the season once the plant has regrown from full dormancy. However the main flush is in late summer through to early autumn. *Bomaria caldasii* flowers are brick red to orange on the outside and orange to yellow on the inside. *Bomaria edulis* has pink to red flowers on the outside, yellow to green on the inside.

The dead growth needs removing in the spring and some help needs to be given to direct the new shoots up onto a trellis or other frame support. These are greedy plants which will enjoy lots of liquid fertiliser through the summer.

Training Climbers - Video Tip

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

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