

## CLIMBERS

*Billardiera cymosa* subsp. *cymosa* (Pittosporaceae)

Sweet Appleberry

**Size:** Twiner to 2-3m.

**Flowering:** September–  
December.

**Habitat:** Locally common in Mallee districts but extends to Cape Bridgewater in the south. Usually on deep sands and sandy loams in drier woodland and scrub.

**Description:** Twiner or ascending shrub, leaves 2.5-6 cm long and green, mauve or pink flowers clustered at tips of lateral shoots, producing oblong reddish berries.

**Propagation:** Seed is difficult and slow to germinate. Washing seed in detergent may improve viability, as may the use of soil collected from under the parent plant. Also can be propagated by cuttings.



## CLIMBERS

***Billardiera mutabilis*** (Pittosporaceae)  
(syn. *Billardiera scandens* var. *scandens*)

**Common Appleberry**

**Size:** Small twining climber.

**Flowering:** September- December.

**Habitat:** Widespread in heathland, woodland and sclerophyll forest usually on well-drained moist soils.

**Description:** Twining shrub, usually with slightly hairy stems. Dark green leaves 2-7cm long, flowers, creamy yellow bell shaped 12-23mm long. Fruit a glabrous, light green edible berry, 1-2cm long.

**Propagation:** Grown by seed or cuttings. Seed is difficult and slow to germinate. Washing seed in detergent may improve viability, as may the use of soil collected from under the parent plant.



## CLIMBERS

***Clematis aristata*** (Ranunculaceae)

**Mountain Clematis**

**Size:** Robust climber.

**Flowering:** October-November.

**Habitat:** Common in moist forest throughout the cooler parts of the state.

**Description:** Dioecious, woody climber, often cascading over shrubs or ascending high into forest trees. Flowers white, 6-12 cm in diameter.

**Propagation:** Grown by seed which takes 12-15 weeks to germinate, but this can be reduced to five weeks by removing outer coverings. Also grown by stem cuttings.



## CLIMBERS

*Clematis microphylla* (Ranunculaceae)

Small-leaved Clematis



## CLIMBERS

***Comesperma volubile*** (Polygalaceae)

**Love Creeper**

**Size:** A delicate twining creeper.

**Flowering:** September-December.

**Habitat:** In heathland, woodland and sclerophyll forest mainly south of the Dividing Range.

**Description:** Leaves sparse, 5-10mm long, often climbing extensively through heathland and woodland shrubs. Loose racemes of flowers to 10mm long, blue or mauve and rarely white.

**Propagation:** By seed which has good viability and germinates in 2-4 weeks.



## CLIMBERS

*Glycine clandestina* (Fabaceae)

Twining Glycine

**Size:** Slender twiner.

**Flowering:** October-January.

**Habitat:** Widespread across most of the state in forest and woodland.

**Description:** Twining herb with pale mauve, blue or purplish pink pea shape flowers.

**Propagation:** Heat treat seed with near boiling water for 30 seconds, then soak in cold water for several hours. Seed has long storage life and good germination.



## CLIMBERS

***Muehlenbeckia australis*** (Polygonaceae)

**Climbing or Trailing Lignum**

(syn. *Muehlenbeckia adpressa*)

**Size:** Large creeper to 3m.

**Flowering:** September-December.

**Habitat:** Coastal areas.

**Description:** Leaves are heart shaped to ovate, bright green with wavy margins. Small greenish yellow flowers in a spike at the leaf axils produce dark reddish colored fruit.

**Propagation:** By cuttings

