# **SCREENING WITH VINES**

### FOR SUNNY, DRY AREAS



#### DESCRIPTION

Crossvine will create a dense, evergreen screen along an existing fence or a new trellis. This vine can grow up to 15 feet, so a sturdy structure is needed to hold its weight.

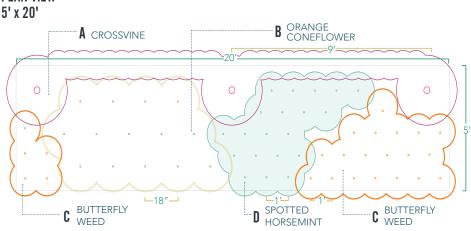
Flowers in this design will attract and provide food for pollinators. Butterfly weed is an important food source for monarch butterfly caterpillars. Spotted horsemint and orange coneflower attract a wide variety of birds, butterflies, bees and other beneficial insects. These perennials may self-seed in favorable growing conditions, so it is OK to start out with fewer plants than suggested and see if they naturally spread.

#### ALTERNATIVE

Vine substitutes: Carolina jessamine (Gelsemium sempervirens) or the less densely growing coral honeysuckle (Lonicera sempervirens).

Perennial substitutes: For spotted horsemint, you can substitute eastern smooth beardtongue (*Penstemon laevigatus*). Grasses like switchgrass (*Panicum virgatum*), little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*) or muhly grass (*Muhlenbergia capillaris*) can also be used. Placing these plants in the back of

## PLAN VIEW



#### **PLANT SELECTION**

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KEY	QTY	COMMON NAME	BOTANICAL NAME	PLANT TYPE	SPACING	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	0	N	D	
А	3	Crossvine	Bigonia capreolata	VINE	9′ O.C.													
В	16	Orange coneflower	Rudbeckia fulgida	PERENNIAL	18″ O.C.													
С	24	Butterfly weed	Asclepias tuberosa	PERENNIAL	1′ O.C.													
D	20	Spotted horsemint	Monarda punctata	PERENNIAL	1′ O.C.													

the bed between the vines would add dimension.

#### MAINTENANCE

Tidy the vines up with minor pruning in the winter, but don't cut them all the way back.