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# Campsis grandiflora

**Scientific name:** *Campsis grandiflora* (Thunb.)  
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**Family:** *Bignoniaceae*

**Common name:** Chinese Trumpet Creeper,  
Trumpet Vine

This *Campsis* is a vigorous, woody, deciduous vine from China. Behind the benches at the roundabout of the Around the World in 80 Trees, a plant with large orange flowers will not go unnoticed; it is the Chinese Trumpet Creeper.

The name of this genus comes from the Greek *Kampe*, meaning bent, and refers to the curvature of its stamens. The species name refers to the size of its flowers, which are the largest in this genus of plants. The corolla measures between 7 and 8 cm in diameter and between 4 and 6 cm in length; this fact, together with the fact that the calyx has very pronounced teeth and that its leaves are glabrous (without hairiness), makes them distinguishable from other species of Campsis.

The shape of the flower can be said to resemble a bell or a funnel, and they are grouped in inflorescences. The leaves are divided into leaflets with serrated edges. Cuttings can be taken to multiply the plant, but be careful with the latex as it can be irritating. It is a creeping plant, which spreads easily and will behave like a climber if it has a support

