

# Dusky Coral Pea

## *Kennedia rubicunda*

### What is it?

*Kennedia rubicunda* is a vigorous climber and under good conditions it can cover large areas. Leaves are glossy and divided into 3 leaflets, and the spring showing of flowers are a typical pea shape consisting of 4 red-crimson petals: the “standard”, the “keel” and the two “wings”. The flowers can be up to 4cm in length and the flowers are followed by a flat seed pod of up to 10cm in length. Being tolerant of dry conditions and full-sun makes *Kennedia rubicunda* a perfect choice of Australian gardens. While being generally considered as a climber, it can also be used as a ground cover, cascading plant or soil stabiliser.



### Where do they occur?

The Dusky Coral Pea is widespread through a variety of habitats, such as woodland and scrubland, in eastern Australia, especially in coastal areas, however tolerance of mild frosts extends its distribution into colder parts of the country away from the coast. It can also grow vigorously in sand dune and other coastal areas exposed to salt spray.

