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## *Actinidia*

Kiwi vines can be a challenge to get started, requiring careful watering and some shade on the young vines. Established vines are very tough.

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### *arguta*

Male and female needed for fruit production, except for the variety 'Issai'. Attractive foliage. Grows to 10 - 15'. Twines.

Deciduous

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### *Hardy Kiwi vine*

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### *chinensis*

Male and female needed for fruit production. Male hardy kiwis can pollenize female *A. chinensis* vines. Attractive foliage. Grows to 20' - 30'; will cover an arbor. Can take several years to start flowering. Twines.

Deciduous

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### *Kiwi vine*

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### *kolomikta*

Male and female needed for fruit production. Attractive foliage; leaves are variegated with white and pink, esp. on male vines. Prefer partial shade. Grow to 10 - 15'. Twines.

Deciduous

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### *Arctic Beauty Kiwi vine*

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## *Akebia*

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### *quinata*

Very striking foliage makes a pretty pattern Interesting vanilla-scented flowers may be followed by unusual purple, sausage-shaped, edible fruit. Uncommon. Tendrils.

Deciduous

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### *Japanese akebia*

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## *Aristolochia*

Grown for bizarre flowers. *A. macrophylla* (durior) and the native species *A. californica* are rare in the trade. *A. littoralis* (elegans) is very tender.

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### *californica*

Found in Coast Range and Sierra foothills, growing on shrubs or trees in shade or North exposure. Difficult to propagate, so hard to find, but a tough plant once established. Important larval food source for the pipevine swallowtail.

Deciduous

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### *California Dutchman's Pipe*

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## *Bougainvillea*

Expect partial to complete top-kill in the winter here. Prune in spring when they begin to regrow. Loves our summer heat. Need full sun. Blooms best if water and fertilizer are limited, esp. good in containers. Tie up.

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'Barbara Karst' and 'San Diego Red' are two of the most vigorous, so they recover fastest from winter damage. *B. spectabilis* is a purple variety which is more frost tolerant. Find a warm, sunny location close to the house. A south or east exposure provides maximum frost protection. There are dwarf and shrubby types, but they are less commonly available here.

Subtropical

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### *Bougainvillea*

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## *Campsis*

Rampant, growing to 30' or more. Suckers sprout from root system, often many feet from the main plant.

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### *radicans*

Rampant vine with orange flowers, very attractive to hummingbirds. Sends up root suckers all over the yard -- so not recommended unless roots are confined. Twines.

Deciduous

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### *Trumpet creeper*

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### *tagliabuana* 'Mme Galen'

A little less rampant than *C. radicans*, with salmon flowers. Twines.

Deciduous

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## *Clematis*

Roots prefer to be shaded; tops in sun or light shade. Add lots of organic material to the soil, and plant them several inches deep. Great to grow up onto other vines, or especially on climbing roses. Pruning varies by variety. Tendrils.

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### *armandi*

Very vigorous grower with fragrant white flowers in February.

Evergreen

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### *hybrids*

Spectacular flowers. Varieties bloom in spring or summer, depending on variety. Roots prefer to be shaded or cool; tops in sun or light shade. Plant them deep, and mulch with compost the first year or so. Once established clematis are quite carefree. Great to grow up onto other vines, or especially on climbing roses. Pruning varies by variety. Tendrils.

Deciduous

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### *montana*

The most heat-tolerant species. Great to grow up onto other vines, or especially on climbing roses. Unlike most common Clematis, blooms on old wood, so prune only after bloom is done. There are pink and white varieties. Tendrils.

Deciduous

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### *Evergreen clematis*

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### *Clematis montana*

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## *Clianthus*

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### *puniceus*

Feathery leaves, bright rose flowers. 'White Heron' is white (obviously). Not common in the trade. Probably not hardy here.

Evergreen

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### *Parrot Beak*

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## *Clytostoma*

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### *callistegioides*

Beautiful soft-lavender flowers, all at once for a few weeks in late spring. Attract hummingbirds. Well-mannered vine. Seem to struggle in heavy soils and where irrigated too frequently. Tendrils.

Evergreen

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### *Lavender trumpet vine*

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## *Distictis*

Only *D. buccinatoria* is hardy here. A well-mannered trumpet vine with spectacular flowers which attract hummingbirds. Tops were killed in '90 and '98. Best in full sun.

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### *buccinatoria*

Fast grower with showy red flowers that attract hummingbirds. Damaged by frost, and usually spends a year recovering without blooms. Also sold as **Phaedranthus**.

Evergreen

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### *Blood-red trumpet vine*

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### x 'Rivers'

Like *D. buccinatoria* except flowers are purple and plant is tender here, so not recommended.

Evergreen

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### *Trumpet Vine*

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## *Fallopia*

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### *baldschuanica*

Very vigorous vine with profusion of white flowers all summer. Cut back severely every now and then. Covers a fence in one season. Not common in the trade, but occasionally available. Attracts hoverflies (beneficial). Formerly *Polygonum aubertii*

Evergreen

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### *Silverlace vine*

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## *Ficus*

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### *pumila (repens)*

Tiny leaves for 10 - 15 years, then matures and leaves become large. Rampant; roots into supporting structure, tears apart fences, roots are invasive -- so not recommended in most situations. 'Variegata' makes a cute house plant.

Evergreen

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### *Creeping Fig*

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## *Gelsemium*

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### *sempervirens*

Golden yellow flowers in early spring. Attractive shiny green leaves look good all year. All parts are poisonous, and reportedly toxic to honeybees. Drought-tolerant. Well-mannered and not rampant. Can be kept on a small trellis. Twines.

Evergreen

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### *Carolina jessamine*

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## *Hardenbergia*

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### *comptoniana*

H. violacea 'Happy Wanderer' (lilac vine) is hardy. This species is a little more tender and usually gets cold damage, often losing the bloom and frequently killed to the ground, so not recommended. Purple flowers in winter and early spring. Twines.

Evergreen

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### *violacea 'Happy Wanderer'*

Vivid royal purple flowers in winter and early spring. Freeze may damage; usually recovers. Killed in 1990; recovered from roots in 1998. White, pink forms available. H. comptoniana, sometimes sold, is more tender. Twines.

Evergreen

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### *Lilac vine*

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## *Hedera*

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### *canariensis*

Large, shiny leaves. Becomes rampant and invasive, roots into structures -- so not recommended for those reasons. Variegated form available.

Evergreen

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### *Algerian ivy*

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### *helix*

Small to medium, shiny leaves. Becomes rampant and invasive; roots into structures -- so not recommended for those reasons. Smaller-leaf types come in hundreds of varieties; great as fillers in containers, or for a ground cover in confined situation. Good houseplants; shower them off periodically to control spider mites when grown indoors.

Evergreen

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### *English ivy*

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## *Humulus*

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### *lupulus*

Extremely fast-growing to 30'+. Once grown commercially in the Sacramento area, the female flowers are used to flavor beer. Dies to the ground in winter; resprouts from roots. Likes plenty of water.

Deciduous

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### *Hop vine*

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## *Ipomoea*

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### *acuminata*

Beautiful sky blue flowers. Perennial vine: dies to the ground or to the stems each winter, regrowing very rapidly in early April. Invasive in coastal parts of California. Twines. Doesn't make seed, but spreads by runners that go rapidly across the ground and root. A monster. Not recommended unless it is confined.

Deciduous

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### *Blue dawn sky flower*

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## Jasminum

Jasmines. The fragrant Arabian jasmine (Pikake) is not hardy here, though it will grow and bloom as a house plant. The most fragrant hardy species is *J. polyanthum*.

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### *mesnyi* (*primulinum*)

Primrose-yellow popcorn-like flowers in late winter. Not fragrant. Vigorous, arching growth habit, like a large shrub. Tie up. *J. nudiflorum* (Winter jasmine) is very similar.

Evergreen

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### *Primrose jasmine*

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### *nudiflorum*

Primrose-yellow flowers in late winter. Vigorous, arching growth habit, like a large shrub. Tie up. Availability limited; **J. mesnyi** is a good substitute.

Deciduous

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### *Winter jasmine*

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### *polyanthum*

Rampant, but worth it for incredibly fragrant white flowers (name comes from pink buds) in March through April.early May in cool springs. Cut back severely after bloom if it has gotten overgrown. Can be forced into bloom in winter in pots by bringing them indoors. Twines.

Evergreen

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### *Winter or Pink jasmine*

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### *sambac*

The "true" jasmine, or Pikake. Tender here, so bring it inside in winter.

Evergreen

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### *Arabian jasmine*

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## Lonicera

Honeysuckles. *L. japonica* is a rampant, invasive vine. The deciduous vining species are more manageable but have less fragrant flowers. *L. hildebrandiana* is fragrant, vigorous, but not invasive, but is rare in the trade.

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### *heckrotii* 'Gold Flame'

Moderate grower to 10' with gold and yellow flowers that attract hummingbirds. Easily confined to a trellis by pruning. Twines.

Deciduous

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### *Gold Flame honeysuckle*

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### *hildebrandiana*

Vigorous vine to 15', with very large fragrant white blossoms which age to gold. Rare in the trade because it is difficult to propagate (sometimes grafted onto *L. japonica*, so watch for suckers!). Said to be hardy here.

Evergreen

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### *Giant Burmese honeysuckle*

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### *japonica* 'Halliana'

Rampant vine with fragrant white flowers (darkening yellow as they age) throughout the summer. Attracts hummingbirds. Can be pruned severely. Twines.

Evergreen

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### *Hall's Japanese honeysuckle*

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### *sempervirens*

Orange-yellow to scarlet flowers, scarlet fruit. Attracts hummingbirds and songbirds. Not rampant. This species is not fragrant.

Evergreen

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### *Trumpet honeysuckle*

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### *x brownii* 'Dropmore Scarlet'

Moderate grower to 10' with red and yellow flowers that attract hummingbirds. Twines. This species is not fragrant.

Deciduous

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### *Scarlet trumpet honeysuckle*

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## Lycianthes

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### *rantonnetii*

Also sold as *Solanum rantonettii*. Purple flowers in summer and fall. Freeze limits size. Can grow as shrub. Tie up.

Evergreen

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### *Purple Potato vine*

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## *Macfadyena*

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### *unguis-cati*

Grows fast, clings even to stucco or brick by tiny tendrils. Buttery-yellow flowers for a short period in spring. Incredibly heat and drought-tolerant (see the planting across the street from our nursery--never irrigated!). Not common, but occasionally available. Reseeds invasively.

Evergreen

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### *Yellow cat's claw*

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## *Mandevilla*

Mostly evergreen vines with big showy pink, red, or white flowers--but are much too tender to grow here. *M. laxa* is hardy.

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### *laxa*

Pretty heart-shaped leaves; white flowers smell like gardenia. Blooms all summer on new growth. Will grow and bloom in shade. Unlike other Mandevillas, it is cold hardy.

Deciduous

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### *Chilean jasmine*

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### *species and hybrids*

Formerly classed as *Dipladenia*. Showy red, pink, or white flowers. Most are not hardy here, so not recommended. *M. laxa* is a hardy relative with white flowers.

Subtropical

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### *Mandevilla*

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## *Muehlenbeckia*

Wiry stems, tiny leaves. The ground cover is well-mannered. The vine spreads by rhizomes and is very vigorous.

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### *axillaris*

This form is actually a ground cover, creeping across the ground to make a tidy little mat. But otherwise it looks exactly like *M. complexa*. Included here because of the confusion of two nearly identical plants with very different growth habits.

Evergreen

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### *Miniature Wire Vine*

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### *complexa*

Vigorous, wiry vine which gets quite dense. Not really attractive, but tough. Not common in the trade.

Evergreen

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### *Miniature Wire Vine*

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## *Pandorea*

Bower vines. Clean, well-mannered vines, bloom all summer. Recovered even from the hard freezes of '90 and '98. Bloom on last year's growth, so prune after they bloom if at all.

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### *jasminoides*

Glossy leaves, and fragrant trumpet-shaped flowers in pink or white. Freeze may damage, but recovers. Twines. 'Lady Di', 'Rosea', 'Alba' are selected forms.

Evergreen

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### *Bower vine*

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## *Parthenocissus*

Clean-looking attractive foliage, nice fall color. Suction disks on tendrils root into structure, damaging wood and paint. Afternoon shade best in our area.

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### *henryana*

Silvery-veined leaves turn nice color in fall. Much less rampant than other species. Beautiful red fall color. Good in shade. PProtect from hot afternoon sun.

Deciduous

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### *Silvervein creeper*

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### *quinquefolia*

Shiny, heavily veined leaves (with five leaflets) turn nice color in fall. Roots into structures. Eventually pretty rampant. Protect from hot afternoon sun.

Deciduous

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### *Virginia creeper*

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***tricuspidata***

Shiny, large lobed or divided leaves (three lobes or leaflets) turn nice color in fall. Roots into structures. Protect from hot afternoon sun. 'Veitchii' is a preferred form with smaller leaves on a less rampant vine.

Deciduous

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***Boston ivy***

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***Passiflora***

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***edulis* 'Frederick'**

Large, fragrant flowers are white with a purplish center and frilled filaments. Outstanding fruit and a vigorous plant, but tender. Fruit must ripen and fall naturally.

Subtropical

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***Passion fruit***

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***edulis* 'Black Knight'**

2" white flowers, large excellent fruit. Self-fruitful. Hardy to 20 - 25F, fairly compact.

Subtropical

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***Passion fruit***

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***hybrid* 'Blue Horizon'<sup>TM</sup>**

Deep blue and white flower on a vigorous vine. Hardy to 20 - 25F.

Subtropical

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***Passion flower***

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***hybrid* 'Coral Glow'**

Flowers pendant, up to 4" across. "Hot neon pink, cooling as the flowers age." [Suncrest] 20-25°F.

Subtropical

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***Passion flower***

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***hybrid* 'Donna Brigham'**

HOT, hot pink with a little tuft of neon purple in the center, and long filaments.

Subtropical

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***Passion flower***

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***hybrid* 'Elizabeth'**

Spectacular purple flowers with twisty filaments, bright green shiny leaves. One of the nicest plants overall. Hardy to 20 - 25F.

Subtropical

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***Passion flower***

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***hybrid* 'Eynesford's Gem'**

Very vigorous, but frost limits size. Small white flowers. Tendrils.

Subtropical

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***Passion flower***

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***hybrid* 'Lavender Lady'**

Very vigorous, but frost limits size. Large showy lavender flowers. Tendrils.

Subtropical

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***Passion flower***

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***hybrid* 'Lavender Lady'**

One of the best. Continuous bloom; glowing 3 - 4" flowers are reddish violet to lavender, with nearly white centers. Hardy to 20F or lower. *P. amethystina* x *P. caerulea*.

Subtropical

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***Passion flower***

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***hybrid* 'Quazar'<sup>TM</sup>**

Pure white flowers on a vigorous grower with dark green leaves. Hardy to 20 - 25F.

Subtropical

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***Passion flower***

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***hybrid* 'Susan Brigham'**

Very vigorous, but frost limits size. Huge deep pink flowers. Tendrils.

Subtropical

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***Passion flower***

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**hybrid 'Susan Brigham'**

Rampant grower with very large leaves. Huge deep rose-pink flowers.

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**Passion flower**

Subtropical

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**hybrid 'Witchcraft'<sup>TM</sup>**

Darkest purple flowers, very hardy.

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**Passion flower**

Subtropical

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**jamesonii 'Coral Seas'**

Very vigorous with coral red flowers. Damaged below 27F but resprouts.

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**Passion flower**

Subtropical

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**mollissima**

'Fearsomely vigorous' [Suncrest] but tender; seriously damaged at 25F. Bright pink flowers, yellow edible fruit up to 6" long.

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**Passion fruit**

Subtropical

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**sanguinolenta 'Maria Rosa'**

Coral 1 1/2" flowers on a moderate grower.

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**Passion flower**

Subtropical

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**x alato-coerulea**

Very vigorous, but frost limits size. Large white and purple flowers. Tendrils.

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**Passion flower**

Subtropical

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**x caerulea-racemosa 'Eynesford's Gem'**

Dwarf to 6' with mauve pink flowers. Hardy to 20F.

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**Passion flower**

Subtropical

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**Phaseolus**

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**species**

Showy red bean/pea shaped flowers on a vigorous summer annual vine. Young bean pods are edible, but they toughen quickly. Shelled beans can be cooked like lima beans. Easy to grow from seed.

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**Scarlet Runner bean**

Annual

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**Rosa**

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**banksia 'Lutea'**

Very vigorous, nearly thornless rose that can grow to 30' or more. Masses of yellow flowers for a short period in spring. Sweet scent. Nearly evergreen. Tie up or let it scramble into a tree.

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**Yellow Lady Banks' rose**

Evergreen

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**banksia normalis**

Very vigorous, nearly thornless rose that can grow to 30' or more. Masses of single white flowers for a short period in spring. Powerful sweet scent. Nearly evergreen. Tie up or let it scramble into a tree.

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**single white Lady Banks' rose**

Evergreen

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**banksia 'Alba Plena'**

Very vigorous, nearly thornless rose that can grow to 30' or more. Masses of white flowers for a short period in spring. Nearly evergreen. Tie up or let it scramble into a tree.

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**White Lady Banks' rose**

Evergreen

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***gigantea* Belle of Portugal Climber**

1903 heirloom that arches and sprawls with huge, soft pink flowers that are sweetly, powerfully fragrant. Plant can get to 30 feet!

Deciduous

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***hybrid* America Climber**

Coral-pink blooms in clusters. Very fragrant blooms all season--one of the best climbers.

Deciduous

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***hybrid* Blaze Improved Climber**

The standard red rambling rose, now with greater vigor and better disease resistance.

Deciduous

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***hybrid* Cecille Brunner Climber**

A very vigorous climber with a long springtime bloom. Disease free. Tolerates shade. Sweet fragrance.

Evergreen

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***hybrid* Crimson Glory Climber**

One of the most fragrant roses of all time. Small climber can be managed on a simple trellis or stake. Dark red roses with velvety-black undercast.

Deciduous

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***hybrid* Don Juan Climber**

Deep velvety red; cuts well. Slow climber, or large shrub. Excellent for cutting. Helen's favorite! Strong fragrance.

Deciduous

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***hybrid* Eden Climber**

One of the Romantica Climbers from Star Roses. Soft pink, pastel flowers contrast with glossy dark green foliage. Very disease resistant.

Deciduous

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***hybrid* First Prize Climber**

Huge silvery-pink blooms; cuts well.

Deciduous

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***hybrid* Fourth of July Climber**

AARS winner with large semi-double blooms striped red and white. Very nice foliage. Outstanding performer! Disease resistant.

Deciduous

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***hybrid* Golden Showers Climber**

Good yellow climbing rose. Bright flowers fade to pale yellow. Abundant bloom, moderate fragrance, good disease resistance.

Deciduous

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***hybrid* Handel Climber**

White blossoms with dark pink /red vedges; very elegant. Big climber, excellent for arbors.

Deciduous

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***hybrid* Iceberg Climber**

This sport of the great white Floribunda is an excellent climber. Vigorous, disease-free, abundant bloom. The best white climber on the market.

Deciduous

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***hybrid* Joseph's Coat Climber**

Gaudy mix of red, pink, orange, yellow! Tough garden plant that is consistently popular.

Deciduous



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**hybrid Peace Climber**

Masses of huge blooms in spring. Prune to encourage spreading habit.

Deciduous

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**hybrid Sally Holmes Climber**

Pink buds open to single white flowers. Pink blush in cool weather. Very tough. Grow as climber or large spreading shrub. Outstanding!

Deciduous

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**hybrid Sombreuil Climber**

1850. White climbing Tea rose with a very light blush of pink. Heavily doubled flowers are very fragrant. Very disease resistant.

Deciduous

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**hybrid Valentine's Day Climber**

Small climber to 6 - 10 feet. "...there ain't no redder red," says Weeks Wholesale Rose. Good disease resistance.

Deciduous

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**hybrid Westerland Climber**

Unique apricot-orange, fragrant flowers on a vigorous, disease-free plant. Outstanding!

Deciduous

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**hybrid Zepherine Drouhin Climber**

1868 Bourbon rose that makes a small climber. Deep rose color, fragrant, thornless! Said to be shade tolerant.

Deciduous

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**Solanum**

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**crispum 'Glasnevin'**

Deep blue flowers are fragrant, have yellow centers. Fruit is yellow, may be poisonous. Tie up.

Semi-deciduous

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**Nightshade**

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**jasminoides**

Vigorous but not rampant vine that's nearly always in bloom. Open habit. Tie up. Variety 'Maricela' has violet-tinged flowers.

Evergreen

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**White Potato vine**

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**Sollya**

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**heterophylla**

Small, with dense, tiny, shiny leaves. Can be used as a ground cover. Grows slowly to about 6'. Noddinig blue flowers in summer; 'Alba' has white flowers. Quite shade-tolerant. Twines. There is a dwarfer, low-growing form called Boddy's Choice that is used as a ground cover.

Evergreen

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**Australian bluebell creeper**

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**Tecoma**

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**capensis**

Formerly Tecomaria. Shrubby vine with bright orange-red flowers (a yellow form is available) in fall and early winter. Hummingbirds love flowers. Recovers even from hard freezes. Tie up or grow as a shrub.

Semi-deciduous

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**Cape honeysuckle**

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**stans**

New hybrids with much shrubbier growth habit. Blooms profusely summer through fall, so far in red, orange, and yellow varieties. Very attractive to hummingbirds.

Semi-deciduous

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**Cape honeysuckle**

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**Thunbergia**

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**alata**

Annual vine with bright orange, yellow, or white flowers with purple-black throats. Massive amount of bloom from spring almost until frost.

Annual

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**Orange Clock vine; Blackeyed**

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**gregorii**

Bright orange flowers on a fast-growing annual vine to 6'+. Very showy, easy to grow. Unlikely to overwinter. T. alata is similar, with bright orange, yellow, or white flowers with purple-black throats.

Annual

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**Orange Clock vine**

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**Trachelospermum**

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**asiaticum**

Nearly always grown as a ground cover. Hardly ever flowers; grown for shiny leaves and exceptional durability. Can be tied up as a vine, but doesn't twine.

Evergreen

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**Asian jasmine**

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**jasminoides**

Can grow as a shrub or ground cover, but naturally a twining vine. Super fragrant flowers in May and June. Tolerates heat, cold, sun, shade, poor soil, drought. There is an uncommon form called Mandaianum that blooms over a longer season and is only lightly fragrant (smells spicy in the evening).

Evergreen

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**Star jasmine**

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**jasminoides 'Mandaianum'**

Uncommon variety of star jasmine that blooms over a longer season, has creamy pale yellow flowers, and is only lightly fragrant (smells spicy in the evening). Sometimes listed as a form of T. asiaticum, but growth habit is much more like T. jasminoides.

Evergreen

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**Star jasmine**

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**Tropaeolum**

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**species**

T. majus climbers can be tied up to 6', have attractive leaves and showy flowers. Flowers and foliage have spicy scent. Look best here in summer in light shade; often overwinter. T. peregrinum is the Canary Bird flower, with lobed leaves and fringed yellow flowers; grows to 10' +. Easy to grow from seed.

Annual

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**Nasturtium**

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**Vigna**

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**caracalla**

Fast-growing to 10 - 12'; fragrant flowers--pale purple with darker markings-- resemble twisted snail shells. Killed to the ground by freezing weather, but resprouts from roots.

Deciduous

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**Snail Vine**

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**Vitis**

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**californica**

Our native grapes have seedy but very sweet, edible fruit that attracts wildlife. Some selected varieties in the trade have showy fall color.

Deciduous

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**Grapes**

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***vinifera***

Fast-growing cover for fence or arbor. Many varieties available. Fruit is messy if not harvested, but some can be pruned to reduce fruit production.

Deciduous

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***Grapes, table and wine***

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**x Roger's Red**

This unique hybrid has very showy red fall color. It was found in wine country by Roger Raiche, and later determined to be a natural hybrid of *V. californica* with a European wine grape. "Small but copious fruits make an excellent jelly."

Deciduous

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***Grapes***

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***Wisteria***

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***floribunda***

Very fast-growing, large vines with very long clusters of elegant purple or white flowers in early spring. Very fragrant. Blooms best when irrigated infrequently. Prune hard just after bloom if you want to control the size of the plant. Japanese Wisteria needs full sun.

Deciduous

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***Japanese Wisteria***

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***floribunda* 'Black Dragon' Japanese**

This variety has dark purple flowers.

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***Wisteria***

Deciduous

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***floribunda* 'Longissima Kyushaku'**

This variety has the longest clusters of all--up to 6' long! Blooms best when irrigated infrequently. Full sun.

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***Wisteria***

Deciduous

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***sinensis***

This is the most common species planted. Very fast-growing, large vines with elegant purple or white flowers in early spring. Very fragrant. Blooms best when irrigated infrequently. Prune hard just after bloom if you want to control the size of the plant. Chinese Wisteria will bloom in part shade.

Deciduous

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***Chinese Wisteria***

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***sinensis* Cooke's Purple Wisteria**

aka Cooke's Special. Popular variety that often has a few blooms in summer as well as the heavy spring bloom. Blooms best when irrigated infrequently. Will bloom in part shade.

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***Wisteria***

Deciduous

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***venusta alba* White Silky Wisteria (*venusta*)**

Very fast-growing vines with extra fragrant, pure white flowers. Blooms best when irrigated infrequently.

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***Wisteria***

Deciduous