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Climbing Plants

Annual Vines

C001 Bell Vine, Purple

Rhodochiton atrosanguineus Purple Rain

Long, tubular dark purple flowers hang like earrings from rosy purple cups. Heart-shaped green leaves. Beautiful and vigorous annual in a sunny location. Climbs by twining. 10'h ○○☼ \$4.00—3.5" pot

Black-Eyed Susan Vine

Thunbergia alata

Charming trailing or twining annual vine. Flowers have flat, open faces. ○○☼

\$4.00—3.5" pot:

C002 Sunny Susie Orange

Orange 1.5" flowers with a black eye. 4–5'h

\$6.00—5.25" pot:

C003 Blushing Susie

Shades of red, pink, peach, apricot, and ivory. 5'h

C004 Sunny Susy Brownie—Not brown at all, it's a dark orangish red with a much darker eye. The more sun, the deeper the color. In spring and in less sun, it will be pale orange. Also known as Arizona Brownie. 5–8'h

\$7.00—5.25" pot:

C005 Tangerine Slice A-Peel—Cheerful pinwheels of reddish orange petals with wide yellow margins. 5–8'h

C006 Cup and Saucer Vine

Cobaea scandens

Bell-shaped, honey-scented 2" flowers that change from green to lovely violet. If planted in a sheltered spot, the flowers continue after early frosts. Graceful annual climber that grows well in a container. Climbs by tendrils. 25'h ○○ \$4.00—3.5" pot



Black-eyed Susan vine

C007 Firecracker Vine

Mina lobata Exotic Love

Sprays of lined-up 1" flowers that emerge red, then change to orange, yellow, and finally cream. All colors are out at once. In full sun, one plant can easily produce several hundred arching sprays of aligned flowers in a harmonious color combination, August until frost. Twining annual; more restrained in part shade. Also known as Spanish flag. 20'h ○○☼ \$4.00—3.5" pot

C008 Hyacinth Bean

Dolichos lablab Ruby Moon

Fragrant, wisteria-like rose-purple flowers in loose clusters midsummer through fall. Elegant, heart-shaped purple-tinged leaves and glossy magenta seed pods in fall are a bonus. Vigorous, fast-growing, twining annual that needs a strong trellis. Grown as food in tropical areas, the young shoots, immature pods, and flowers are edible, but dried pods and seeds can cause upset stomach without special treatment in cooking. 10–20'h ○☼☼ \$6.00—seed packets

C009 Love-in-a-Puff

Cardiospermum halicacabum

Small white flowers followed by inflated light green pods containing seeds marked with a distinct little heart. Quick-growing annual vines with pretty, lacy foliage are excellent for covering wire fences. Climbs by tendrils. 10'h ○○ \$4.00—3.5" pot

C010 Moonflower, Climbing, White

Ipomoea noctiflora alba

White 5–6" trumpets unfurl as evening approaches releasing a lovely fragrance. The flowers gently spiral closed with the rising sun. Vigorous twining annual. Nectar plant for sphinx moths. 10–30'h ○☼☼ \$3.50—seed packets

C011 Nasturtium, Climbing

Tropaeolum majus Fiery Festival

Bright orange-red blossoms with yellow centers. Prolific bloomer with edible flowers, leaves, and seed pods. Adds spice and color to salads. Great trailing from window boxes or containers. Twining leaves. 2–3'h ○○☼☼☼ \$4.00—3.5" pot

C012 Rex Begonia Vine

Cissus discolor

Velvety elongated heart-shaped leaves are patterned with silver and green with a central burgundy stripe. The undersides of the leaves, the stem, and the clinging tendrils are all burgundy, while the youngest foliage is sprinkled with crimson. Best in light shade with consistently moist soil. Stays 12–36" in containers and can be trained to a form. Can be over-wintered indoors. 10–12'h ○○☼☼☼ \$6.00—4" pot

Runner Beans *Phaseolus coccineus*

If grown for the showy sprays of bright flowers, keep the beans picked to encourage flowers. Pods filled with large 1" beans that are delicious eaten as shell beans or dried. Vigorous twining stems that need strong support. From the mountains of Mexico and Central America. 8–10'h ○☼☼☼☼ \$3.50—seed packets:

C013 Painted Lady Improved

Sprays of bicolor red and pale pink flowers, tan and black speckled beans. Tolerates heat better than other runner beans. Heirloom variety from the early 1800s. 55–68 days to bloom, 110 days for dry beans.

C014 Scarlet—Brilliant red flowers and 8" pods containing burgundy and black speckled beans. An heirloom listed in "The Gardener's Dictionary" by English botanist Philip Miller in 1735. 65 days to bloom, up to 120 days for dry beans.

C015 Snapdragon, Climbing

Asarina Joan Lorraine

White-throated purple-blue 2" trumpet flowers. May politely self-seed. Blooms all summer. Twining annual. 6–8'h ○○☼ \$4.00—3.5" pot

Key

○ Full sun

☼ Part sun/part shade

● Shade

☼ Attractive to bees

☼ Audubon-endorsed

☼ Butterfly-friendly

☼ Hummingbird-friendly

☼ Attractive foliage

☼ Culinary

☼ Edible flowers

☼ Ground cover

☼ Houseplant

☼ Medicinal

☼ Minnesota native

☼ Rock garden

☼ Cold-sensitive: keep above 40°F

☼ Toxic to humans

☼ Saturday restock

Perennial Vines

C016 Bittersweet

Celastrus scandens Autumn Revolution

Bright red to orange berries are wonderful in dried arrangements. Self-fruitful bittersweet, from Bailey Nurseries. Vigorous and twining variety of the Minnesota native climber. 15–25'h ○☼

\$36.00—2 gal. pot

Clematis see page 44

Honeysuckle, Climbing *Lonicera*

A vigorous grower with tubular flowers, popular with hummingbirds and nectar-seeking moths. Good for fences or trellises. Twining. ○☼☼☼☼

\$12.00—1 quart pot:

C061 Blanche Sandman *L. sempervirens*—Deep rose flowers sporadically May–frost. Orange-red berries, which many birds relish. Blue-green foliage. Needs at least a half-day of sun for best blooming. A native species as nearby as Iowa. 12'h

C062 John Clayton *L. sempervirens*—Discovered by a member of the Virginia Native Plant Society. Lovely yellow flowers that are slightly fragrant. The species is native as nearby as Iowa. 10–20'h

\$12.00—1 gal. pot:

C063 Dropmore Scarlet *L. × brownii*—Coral-scarlet summer flowers attract orioles. Bred in Manitoba. ★★★★★ 12'h

\$12.00—1 quart pot:

C064 Major Wheeler *L. sempervirens*—Coral-red flowers bloom profusely from late spring into fall. Birds enjoy the red berries. A mildew-resistant, noninvasive selection. 6–10'h

\$14.00—5.25" pot:

C065 Scentsation *L. periclymenum*—Fragrant yellow and cream flowers bloom heavily from mid-spring to mid-fall and are followed by red berries in fall. 10–15'h

Honeysuckle, Climbing continued

\$19.00—5.25" pot:

C066 Kintzley's Ghost *L. reticulata*—Otherworldly silver-white discs resembling eucalyptus leaves encircle yellow flower clusters in June, then persist into fall as little orange-red berries appear. Compact for a honeysuckle. Reaches mature height in 10 years. Found in an Iowa greenhouse in the 1880s by horticulturist William Kintzley, this unusual heirloom vine was rediscovered in the Colorado yard of a grandson in 2001. 8–12'h by 4–5'w ☼

Hops *Humulus lupulus*

Fast-growing vine with maple-like leaves. Pine-scented greenish flowers resembling cones are attractive to butterflies. Young shoots are edible like asparagus. Dried or fresh, the flowers are also a key ingredient in beer brewing. Dies back to the ground each winter. Strong spreader from the roots; toxic to dogs. Twining. ○☼☼☼☼

\$8.00—3" deep pot:

C067 Cascade—Aroma-type hops with moderate bitterness, often used in West Coast ales. Considered the most popular hops in North America. 20'h by 10'w

C068 Nugget—A great bittering hop with a heavy herbal aroma. Gold leaves. 25'h

C069 Willamette—Fruity and floral. Great for American pale and brown ales, and English-style ales. 15–25'h

C070 Hydrangea Vine, Japanese

Schizophragma hydrangeoides Rose Sensation

Lacy flower clusters in late spring to midsummer, shading white to pink. The plant (whose listed height may be optimistic in Minnesota) can be cut back in late winter to control the ultimate size. Needs a thick mulch around the root zone for winter protection. Vigorous vine that clings by aerial rootlets. 40–50'h ○☼☼ \$16.00—5.25" pot

C071 Hydrangea, Climbing

Hydrangea petiolaris

Clusters of fragrant flowers with showy white bracts (petal-like leaves). Early summer bloom. Very slow to establish; worth the wait. Climbs and clings by aerial rootlets. From Japan. 30'h ○○☼

\$11.00—1 quart pot

C072 Passion Flower, Maypop

Passiflora incarnata PinkPop NEW

Intricate 3" flowers with frizzy, threadlike lavender-pink strands surrounding a center we can only call bizarre. Grow it on a fence or trellis or let it scramble over shrubs and trees. Climbs by tendrils. Place in a protected micro-climate such as the south-facing foundation of a house. 8–12'h ○○☼☼ \$35.00—1 gal. pot

C073 Sweet Pea, Everlasting

Lathyrus latifolius Pearl Mix

Pink, red, or white flowers with winged stems. Plant in a protected area. Climbs by tendrils. 6'h ○○☼☼ \$3.00—2.5" pot

Trumpet Creeper *Campsis radicans*

Large trumpets in August and September. Excellent for attracting hummingbirds, good for butterflies. Vigorous vine with glossy, serrated leaves. May die back to the ground in severe winters, but regrows from the ground. Climbs by aerial roots. Not for small spaces. Not recommended to grow up the side of a house or garage because it can grow through building materials. 30'h ○☼☼☼

\$3.00—2.5" pot:

C074 Orange

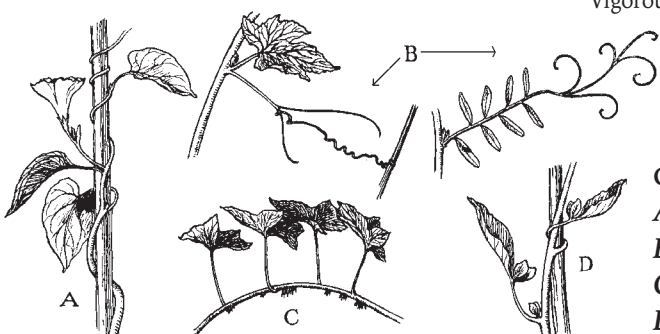
\$10.00—1 quart pot:

C075 Red Sunset—Red flowers with an orange throat.

C076 Wisteria

Wisteria macrostachya Blue Moon

Light bluish lavender flowers dependably rebloom up to three times a year when planted in full sun. Blooms as a two-year-old plant. Developed by Harvey and Brigitte Buchite from a wedding present seedling of 'Betty Mathews' (now also sold as First Editions Summer Cascade). Locally selected to do well in our climate, their original plant is now 30 years old. Hardy to -40°F. Charming, fragrant flowers in long, hanging clusters beginning in May or early June, followed by fruit pods that remain throughout winter. Grow only on a strong arbor or pergola. Rapid grower. Twining. 15–30'h by 4–8'w ○○☼☼ \$18.00—1 gal. pot



CLIMBING KEY—

A: Twining

B: Tendrils and leaf tendrils

C: Aerial rootlets

D: Twining leaves

About those stars...

Throughout this section, you will notice trees and shrubs that are marked with four or five stars (★★★★). These plants have been noted by Lonnee, Rose, Selinger, and Whitman in the 2011 edition of *Growing Shrubs and Small Trees in Cold Climates* as some of the very best plants available on the market.

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Climbing Plants

Clematis clematis ○○☹

Showy flowers in a range of colors and shapes. Best in full sun with the roots protected from the hottest midday rays. Those that tolerate a bit more shade have been marked with ○. Climbs by twining leaves that must grab something less than a half-inch in diameter. Great scrambling through shrubs or other supports, or even as a ground cover.

All clematis are toxic to people and pets. Deer-resistant.

"If it blooms before June, don't prune."

Pruning Clematis

It may seem intimidating, but pruning the various types of clematis is mostly a matter of common sense.

Pruning groups include the early-blooming varieties (Group 1), the repeat bloomers (Group 2) and the vines that usually bloom in summer or later (Group 3).

GROUP 1

Blooms in spring on last year's growth. After blooming, prune lightly to shape vine if needed.

GROUP 2

Repeat bloomers, first blooming on last year's growth, then reblooming on new growth. If needed, lightly trim in early spring when buds swell. After the first bloom, again lightly prune to increase later flowers.

GROUP 3

Blooms in summer or later, on new growth. Prune severely in early spring when new buds begin to swell, cutting stems back to 12–14" from the base of the vine to produce good growth and encourage abundant blooming.

\$4.00—3.5" pot:

C017 **Virgin's Bower** *C. virginiana* ☹—Vigorous native vine with festoons of small white flowers in summer. Suitable as a cut flower, with interesting seed heads. Good to ramble over slopes, it can spread aggressively by roots and self-seeding. Seed from Grant County, Wis. Can be pruned any time; treat as Group 3 for a bushier plant, or don't prune and allow it to ramble. 12–20" h ○○☹☹

\$5.00—2.5" pot:

C018 **Sweet Autumn** *C. terniflora*—Four-petaled white 1–2" flowers in clusters. Hardy, vigorous, and easy to grow; very fragrant, August–September. Seldom needs pruning, but when desired, prune in early spring when the buds begin to swell. Syn. *C. paniculata*. Group 3. ★★★★★ 15–20" h

\$15.00—5.25" pot:

C019 **Sweet Summer Love**—Cranberry-purple, cherry-vanilla-scented flowers will bloom more than a month before its cousin Sweet Autumn and keep blooming. Group 3. 10–15" h

\$20.00—1 gal. pot:

C020 **Blue Bird** *C. macropetala*—Semi-double, small, slate-blue flowers with creamy white stamens. Free-flowering in May and June with a good sprinkling of repeat bloom throughout the summer. Group 1. 16" h

C021 **Blue Explosion**—Prolific rebloomer. First flush of flowers in May and June are 5" blue semi-doubles with pink at the tips of the petals. Single lavender flowers July–September. Group 2. 7–9" h

C022 **Boulevard Abilene** ☹—Ruffled 4" pink flowers with darker pink bars on a June-blooming, compact vine. Reblooms later in summer. The compact, vigorous Boulevard Collection clematis from England bloom and rebloom profusely with flowers all the way to the ground June–September. Deadheading and feeding promote rebloom. Group 2 and Group 3. 4" h ○○

C023 **Boulevard Acropolis** ☹—Magenta 3–4" flowers with spidery pale yellow centers. Group 3. 3–4" h

C024 **Boulevard Bernadine** ☹—Very light lavender 3–4" flowers have central white filaments tipped with deep red. Group 3. 4–6" h by 1–2" w

C025 **Boulevard Edda** ☹—Rosy purple petals with pointed pale tips and a darker central bar. The colors change to lavender-blue with a rosy pink bar. The 2–5" flowers are sometimes semi-double. Group 3. Part sun. 3–4" h

C026 **Boulevard Ines** ☹—Lavender 4–6" flowers are star-shaped with cherry red central bars on the petals. Group 3. 3–4" h ○○

C027a **Boulevard Kitty** **NEW** ☹—Broad white petals with small pointed tips show palest green bars before turning all white. Whiskery lavender center. Group 3. 2–3" h ○○

C027b **Boulevard Olympia** ☹—Blue-purple 2–4" flowers that turn light blue, providing a range of colors on a single plant. Flowers emerge both from where the leaves meet the stems and at the end of the stems. Group 3. 3–4" h

C028 **Boulevard Parisienne** ☹—Light blue-violet 5–6" flowers with frilly-edged petals and red stamens. Group 3. 3–4" h by 1–2" w

C029 **Boulevard Sarah Elizabeth** ☹—Cotton candy pink 4–6" flowers with frilly-edged petals and burgundy stamens. Group 3. 4–6" h by 2–3" w

C030 **Boulevard Tekla** ☹—Candy apple red 4–6" flowers whose pointed petals have a light pink midrib. Group 3. 5–7" h by 2" w

\$20.00—1 gal. pot (continued):

C031 **Boulevard Tranquilité** **NEW** ☹—Icy lavender 4" flowers. Ruffled and overlapping petals are broad with pointed tips and a white center stripe. Group 3. 4–5" h by 2–3" w ○○

C032 **Boulevard Vicki** **NEW** ☹—Pink 4–5" flowers have curly petals with darker pink center lines and yellow anthers. Group 3. 3–4" h ○○

C033 **Bourbon** ☹—Vibrant red 5–6" flowers with a yellow center from June through early August. A good candidate for summer containers (24" wide or more). Group 2. 4–6" h

C034 **Diamantina** ☹—Deep violet-blue 4–6" double flowers with silver-green central petals when they first open. Pompom flowers can last up to a month. Reblooms in late summer to early fall. Excellent cut flower. Group 2. 6–8" h

C035 **Diana's Delight** ☹—Shades of lavender-blue with creamy centers. Blooms May–June and September. Group 2. 4–6" h ○○

C036 **Duchess of Albany** *C. texensis* ☹—Tulip-shaped pink 2–3" flowers with cherry pink bars. Blooms July–October. Group 3. 8–10" h

C037 **Duchess of Edinburgh** ☹—White 4–6" double flowers with soft yellow anthers. Blooms May–June and again in September. Group 2. 8" h

C038 **Etoile Rose** *C. texensis*—Vigorous vine, covered mid- to late summer with showy, urn-shaped cerise pink flowers. Group 3. 8–10" h

C039 **Golden** *C. tangutica* ☹—Lantern-shaped 1.5" bright yellow flowers in midsummer followed by attractive seed heads. Vigorous. Group 3. 12–16" h

C040 **Gravetye Beauty** *C. texensis* ☹—Introduced in the early 1900s, this vigorous favorite has showy, tulip-like red flowers in late summer. Pronounced "Grave-Tie," named for the home of Victorian English gardener William Robinson who influenced the 20th-century fashion for naturalistic gardens. Group 3. 8–12" h

C041 **Guernsey Cream**—Creamy white 4–6" flowers with yellow centers. Blooms in early summer with a second flush of bloom in late summer. Reliable. Group 2. 6–8" h ○○

C042 **Guiding Promise** **NEW** ☹—Purple 5" flowers with mauve-purple center veins, twisted petals, and purple anthers. Blooms late May–June, and again in late summer. Group 3. 3–5" h by 2–3" w

C043 **H.F. Young** ☹—A stalwart clematis with large Wedgwood blue flowers. One of the best blue clematis. Popular because it blooms in late spring and again in mid-late summer. Group 2. 6–8" h

C044 **Hyde Hall** ☹—White 5–7" flowers whose wide, pointed petals show hints of pink and green. Pinkish brown center. Part of a series celebrating Royal Horticultural Society gardens in England. Group 2. 8" h by 2" w

C045 **Jackman's** *C. viticella* ☹—The most popular clematis. Profuse bloomer with dark purple 4" flowers. Blooms in June and late summer. An old variety that dates back to 1860. Group 3. 10" h

C046 **Lindsay** **NEW** ☹—Bluish purple 6–7" flowers with wide, pointed petals and red anthers. Blooms in midsummer, and again in late summer. Group 3. 6–8" h

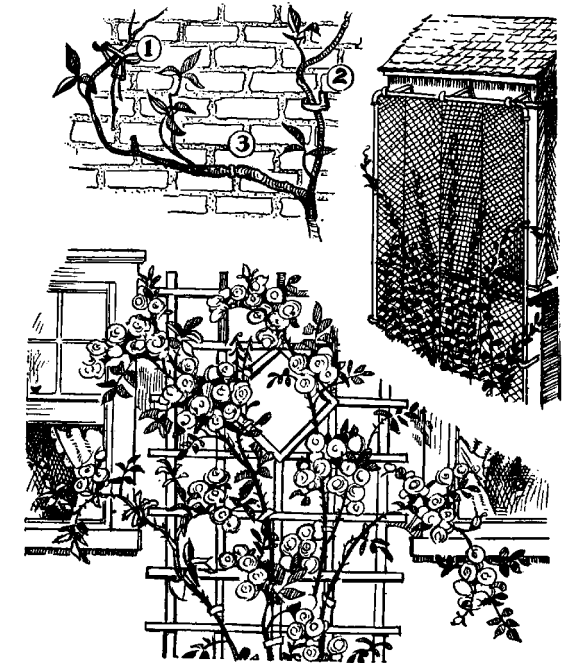
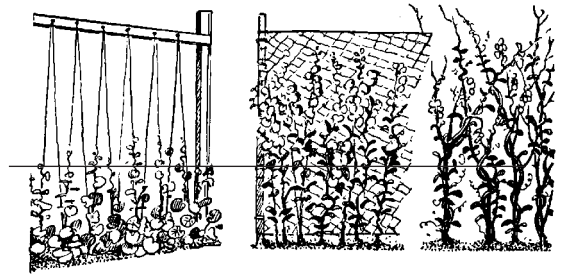
C047 **Madame Edouard Andre** **NEW** ☹—Deep velvet red 6" flowers with light yellow anthers. Vigorous grower, with many flowers July–August. Group 3. 8–10" h by 3–4" w

C048 **Nelly Moser**—Pale pink 6–8" flowers with a deep rose stripe on each of eight sepals and reddish brown stamens. Blooms May–June with a second, less prolific bloom in August and attractive seed heads in the fall. A reliable classic since 1897. Group 2. 6–10" h ○○

C050 **Piilu**—Heavy-blooming, shorter vine with many pinkish lavender flowers. A repeat bloomer, the early flowers are double or semi-double, the late flowers are single. Group 2. 4–6" h

C051 **Princess Diana** *C. texensis* ☹—Abundant raspberry pink flowers with wide, lighter margins. The four 2" petals are curled outward at their pointed tips. Because the trumpet-shaped flowers face up, this vine can be used as an unusual ground cover. Blooms all summer and fall. Group 3. 6–10" h ☹

C052 **Roguchi** *C. integrifolia* × *durandii* ☹—Exquisite nodding bells in the deepest shade of inky blue from summer until fall. Glossy seedheads in the later fall garden. Group 3. ★★★★★ 8" h



Some of the classic supports for climbing plants.

\$20.00—1 gal. pot (continued):

C053 **Rosalie** ☹—Two-toned pink and deep pink flowers that change to lighter shades of lavender-pink as they age. Long-blooming. Group 2. 5" h

C054 **Sapphire Indigo** ☹—Cross-shaped, long-blooming purple flowers on a compact vine that makes a great ground cover. Taller if used as a climber. Unusual and lovely in a hanging basket or container, but plant in the ground in the fall. Group 2. 3–4" h ○○☹

C055 **Silver Moon** ☹—Silvery lavender 6" flowers with wavy-edged petals and yellow centers. Recommended for light to open shade, where the unusual flower color makes a gentle impact. Midsummer bloom with some repeat. Group 2. 8–10" h ○

C056 **Ville de Lyon**—Cherry red 4–6" flowers with a creamy yellow center bloom most of the summer. Very floriferous. Tolerates some shade. Group 3. 10–12" h by 2–3" w

C057 **Warsaw Nike** ☹—Abundant burgundy 5" blossoms early to midsummer, again in fall. From renowned breeder Brother Stefan Franczak of Poland. Group 2. 8–12" h ○○

C058 **Will Goodwin** ☹—Very large lavender-blue flowers with wavy-edged petals and gold centers. Blooms June–August. Group 2. 8–12" h

Clematis, Bush *Clematis integrifolia*

Lavender flowers with a prominent cream center, followed by puffs of silvery brown seed heads. A smaller clematis that will grow through neighboring plants such as a rose bush or can be unobtrusively staked or supported by a tomato cage. ☹☹☹

\$18.00—1 gal. pot:

C059 **Arabella** ☹—Flowers are open and out-facing, with four to six petals. A reliable bloomer from early summer to fall, its stems become woody and self-supporting as the plant matures. Use at the base of a trellis-grown vine that's become leggy or leave it to ramble. A low-maintenance clematis. Winner of Award of Merit from RHS. 3–5" h

C060 **Blue** ☹—Flowers are nodding and down-facing with four curled-back, slightly twisted petals. Prune after its first summer bloom for rebloom. ★★★★★ 2–3" h



Sweet Autumn clematis

The flower shapes of clematis can vary widely, as well as the vine height.

