

Climbing Plants

Annual Vines

C001 **Bell Vine, Purple** 🌿

Rhodochiton atrosanguineus Purple Rain

Long, tubular dark purple flowers with parasol-shaped rosy calyces and heart-shaped green leaves. Beautiful and vigorous in a sunny location. Climbs by twining. 10'h ○●🌿
\$3.00—3.5" pot

Black-Eyed Susan Vine *Thunbergia alata*

Winsome trailing or twining vine with masses of flowers with flat, open faces and dark eyes. ○●🌿
\$3.00—3.5" pot:

C002 **Susie** 🌿—Orange 1.5" blooms. 4–5'h

\$7.00—4.5" plantable pot:

C003 **African Sunset** 🌿—Warm terra cotta shades. Vigorous. 10'h

C004 **Arizona Dark Red** 🌿—Deep persimmon-red. 6–8'h

C005 **Sunny Lemon Star**—Lemony yellow. 10'h

C006 **Bleeding Heart Vine**

Clerodendrum Delectum Red

Showy clusters of red flowers with lavender bracts on a tropical vine. It can be over-wintered indoors as a house plant. This West African vine will repeatedly reward you with its flowers. Climbs by twining. 10–12'h ○●🌿🌿
\$15.00—5.25" pot

C007 **Blue Butterfly Flower** **NEW**

Rothea myricoides

A rambunctious tropical vine with sprightly blue and white flowers resembling butterflies from midsummer to fall. Good container plant. Can be espaliered. Twining. 10'h ○●🌿🌿🌿
\$15.00—5.25" pot

C008 **Blue Potato Flower** **NEW**

Lycianthes rantonnetii Lynn's Variegated

Papery-looking, open-faced purple-blue 1" flowers with a darker purple star around a yellow center. Leaves have irregular white edges. Good in containers. Easy and twining. 2–8'h ○🌿
\$5.00—4" pot

C009 **Canary Bird Vine** *Tropaeolum peregrinum*

Bright yellow flowers and deeply lobed foliage. The flowers are said to look like canaries, but some see them as troll dolls with wild yellow hair. Blooms all summer into fall. Climbs by long leaf stalks. 12'h ○●
\$3.00—3.5" pot

C010 **Candy Corn Flag** *Manettia luteorubra* 🌿

Blooms resemble candy corn, orange with yellow tips. A fun novelty for small trellises, baskets or pots. More vigorous in part shade. Twines. 3–4'h ○●🌿
\$3.00—3.5" pot

C011 **Cardinal Climber** *Ipomoea x multifida*

Ferny leaves with scarlet red, mini-morning glory flowers in mid-summer. Twines. 10'h ○●🌿
\$1.50—seed packets

C012 **Cup and Saucer Vine** 🌿

Cobaea scandens

Bell-shaped 2" flowers that change from green to lovely violet. If planted in a sheltered spot, the flowers continue after early frosts. Graceful climber, suitable for containers. Climbs by tendrils. 25'h ○●
\$3.00—3.5" pot

C013 **Firecracker Vine** 🌿

Mina lobata Exotic Love

Each 1" flower begins rich red and matures to orange, then to yellow and finally to white. 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 through frost. Self-twining; more restrained in part shade. 20'h ○●🌿
\$3.00—3.5" pot

C014 **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 climber 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 ○🌿
\$7.00—4.5" plantable pot



Hyacinth Bean

C015 **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 vines with pretty, lacy foliage are excellent for covering wire fences. Climbs by tendrils. 10'h ○●
\$7.00—4.5" plantable pot

Moonflower, Climbing

Ipomoea noctiflora alba

White 5–6" trumpets unfurl as evening approaches, releasing a lovely fragrance. The blooms gently spiral closed with the rising sun. Vigorous twining climber. Nectar plant for sphinx moths. 10–30'h ○🌿
C016 \$1.50—seed packets

C017 \$7.00—4.5" plantable pot

Morning Glory *Ipomoea*

Classic vines for sunny exposures. Late summer flowers last only a day, but they make up for that in the quantity of blooms produced. Twining. Likely to reseed. ○☺

\$2.50—seed packets:

C018 **Scarlett O'Hara** **NEW**—Rose-red 4" blooms with white throats. A descendent of the original Scarlett (with two Ts as in "Gone with the Wind") O'Hara all-red morning glory that won the All-America Selections award in 1939. The original is very rare. 6–10'h

C019 **Split Second** **NEW**—Unusual flowers, more like a 2" pom-pom than a trumpet with ragged-edged individual petals in a variety of widths, shapes, and degrees of twist. Each pink and magenta flower blooms a bit differently from all the others. Plant it where you'll see its romantic, ever-changing blooms in the morning. Keeps going until frost in well-drained soil. 4–6'h

C020 **Passion Flower, Blue** *Passiflora caerulea* 🌿

Outlandish blue and white flowers late summer through fall with lush, dark green foliage. Prefers well-drained soil and plenty of sun. Can be grown in a tub and allowed to spend winter dormant in a frost-free basement. Climbs by tendrils. 15'h ○🌿
\$3.00—3.5" pot

See also MAYPOP PASSION FLOWER, page 42

C022 **Potato Vine, Variegated White** 🌿 **NEW**

Solanum jasminoides variegata

Small bunches of penny-sized white flowers, star-shaped with prominent yellow centers. Mild jasmine perfume. Shiny, pointed leaves are blue-green splashed around the margins with gold, cream, and hints of pink. Fast-growing and easy to train as a topiary. Twines. 15'h ○●🌿
\$5.00—4" pot

C023 **Rose Feather** *Ipomoea quamoclit* **NEW**

Hard-to-find vine with star-shaped pink flowers in mid-summer and feathery, cut-leaf foliage. Similar to cardinal climber, but the foliage is finer and the flowers more pink than red. Can twine on a trellis or through taller plants. 10–15'h ○🌿
\$2.50—seed packets

C024 **Snapdragon, Climbing**

Asarina purpusii Victoria Falls

Vibrant magenta-purple 2" trumpets with lime bracts and lovely green-gray foliage. Works on a trellis or in a mixed container. Blooms early summer until frost. Twining. 8–10'h ○●
\$7.00—4.5" plantable pot

Sweet Pea, Heirloom *Lathyrus odoratus*

Intense, unique fragrance. Tolerates warm weather. Prefers rich soil. Climbs by leaf tendrils. ○☺

\$7.00—4.5" plantable pot:

C025 **King Edward VII** 🌿—Fragrant deep crimson summer blooms, introduced in 1903 by Henry Eckford, the Scottish hybridizer of grandiflora sweet peas that were very popular cut flowers and flower show exhibits. Almost the only sweet pea from that era still grown, it won the RHS Award of Garden Merit in 1995. 4–6'h

C026 **Lady Grisel Hamilton** 🌿—Fragrant pale blue-lavender flowers. Her Ladyship is 120 years old. 5–6'h

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and BLACK JADE VINE in Unusual & Rare, page 25

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Trumpet Creeper

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C027 **Bittersweet** *Celastrus scandens* Autumn Revolution

This introduction from Bailey Nurseries is a revolution in bittersweet. Not only self-fruiting, it produces berries twice the normal size, every year. Bright red to orange berries are wonderful in dried arrangements. Vigorous and twining variety of the Minnesota native climber. Very hardy. 15–25'h ○☺
\$17.00—1 gal. pot

C028 **Bleeding Heart, Climbing** *Adlumia fungosa*

Pearly pink spurred blossoms. Biennial vine for shade that climbs by leaf tendrils. Native to Appalachia and the north shore of Lake Superior in Minnesota. Horticultural source. 6–10'h ○●🌿
\$3.00—2.5" pot

Chocolate Vine *Akebia*

Perfect for growing on fences, pergolas or by the patio where the scent will pervade. Twining. ○●
\$9.00—1 quart pot:

C029 **Five-Leaf** *A. quinata*—An eye-catching climber with clusters of rounded leaves and racemes of captivating chocolate-purple blooms with a spicy fragrance. 30'h

C030 **Three-Leaf** *A. trifoliata*—Elegant twining vine from China with large, three-part leaves and faintly scented dark purple flowers in mid-spring. Combines nicely with a clematis. Trial in our zone. 4–6'h

Clematis see page 42

C065 **Dutchman's Pipe** *Aristolochia durior*

Large, heart-shaped leaves and inconspicuous yellow-brown flowers that look like a clay pipe. Tolerant of shade and dry soil; spreads strongly from the roots. Over time will provide a complete screen of green. Excellent larval food for butterflies. Climbs by tendrils. Syn. *A. macrophylla*. 20–30'h ○●🌿
\$17.00—1 gal. pot

Honeysuckle, Dropmore Scarlet *Lonicera x brownii*

Blooms, more coral-scarlet than scarlet, are excellent for attracting hummingbirds and orioles. Good for fences or trellises. Twining. Bred in Manitoba; very hardy. **** 12'h ○🌿☺

C066 \$5.00—3" pot 🌿

C068 \$13.00—1 gal. pot

Honeysuckle, Trumpet *Lonicera sempervirens*

A vigorous grower popular with hummingbirds and nectar-seeking moths. Orange-red berries, which many birds relish, appear after the flowers. Beautiful blue-green foliage. It needs at least a half-day of sun for good blooms. Climbs by twining. ○●🌿☺

\$8.00—1 quart pot:

C069 **Blanche Sandman**—Deep rose flowers bloom sporadically from May until frost. 12'h

C070 **John Clayton**—Discovered by a member of the Virginia Native Plant Society, this honeysuckle has lovely, soft-yellow, tubular flowers that are slightly fragrant. 10–20'h

C071 **Honeysuckle, Variegated**

Lonicera periclymenum Harlequin 🌿

Foliage is green edged in cream, frequently with pink highlights. Yellow and pink fragrant flowers from June to October. Compact and slower growing. Moist, well-drained soil. Twining. 10–12'h ○●🌿🌿☺
\$4.00—3.5" pot

See also the KINTZLEY'S GHOST HONEYSUCKLE, page 24

Hops *Humulus lupulus*

This fast-growing vine has maple-like leaves. Pine-scented greenish flowers resembling cones are attractive to butterflies. The 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. Twining. ○●🌿🌿

\$7.00—3" pot:

C072 **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

C073 **Columbus**—Excellent for bitter ales and American pale ales, and can be dramatic when dry hopped. High alpha acids. 20'h

C074 **Nugget**—A great bittering hop with a heavy herbal aroma. Gold leaves. 25'h

C075 **Willamette**—Fruity and floral. Great for American pale and brown ales, and English-style ales. 15–25'h

\$15.00—1 gal. pot:

C076 **Willamette**—Fruity and floral. Great for American pale and brown ales, and English-style ales. 15–25'h

C077 **Hydrangea Vine, Japanese**

Schizophragma hydrangeoides Rose Sensation

Lacy flower clusters in late spring to mid-summer, 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. Vigorous vine that clings by aerial rootlets. 40–50'h 🌿
\$12.00—5.25" pot

C078 **Hydrangea, Climbing** *Hydrangea petiolaris*

Clusters of fragrant flowers with showy white bracts. Early summer bloom. Very slow to establish; worth the wait. From Japan. Self-clinging by aerial rootlets. 30'h ○●☺
\$8.00—1 quart pot

C079 **Ivy, Boston** *Parthenocissus tricuspidata*

Originally from Japan, not Boston. A dense, self-clinging vine. Brilliant orange color in fall. Berries favored by birds. This vine put the ivy in Ivy League. Self-clinging by glue pads. 70'h ○●
\$3.00—2.5" pot

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Clematis clematis ☉☺ See more CLEMATIS, page 24

Showy blooms 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 ☉ in the description. Climbs by leaf stems that grab anything 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.

Pruning Clematis

It may seem intimidating, but pruning the various types of clematis is really a matter of common sense. One bit of vintage clematis pruning advice is "If it blooms before June, don't prune" (until after it blooms).

Pruning groups include the early-flowering 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 flowering, prune lightly to shape vine if needed.

GROUP 2

Repeat bloomers, first flowering 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 flowering.

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

\$2.00—2.5" pot:

C031 **Vanilla-Scented** *C. recta*—With an explosion of star-like white blossoms and a wonderful vanilla aroma, this energetic plant is covered with flowers in June and July. Beautiful foliage, too. Grown from seed saved from a historic St. Anthony Park garden, given to us by Mary Lerman. Group 3. 6'h by 6'w

\$3.00—3.5" pot:

C032 **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. Very hardy. Can be pruned any time; treat as Group 3 for a bushier plant (or don't prune and allow it to ramble). Seed from Winona County, Minn. 12–20'h ☉☺☺☺

\$4.00—2.5" pot:

C033 **Sweet Autumn** *C. terniflora*—White 1–2" open flowers in clusters. Hardy, vigorous, and easy to grow; free-flowering and 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

\$10.00—3.5" pot:

C035 **Betina** *C. alpina*—Many fragrant, pendant violet-blue 2" flowers from mid-spring to summer. Showy seed heads follow. Perfect for covering fences, shrubs, and small trees. Mulch thickly to conserve moisture in summer and to provide winter protection. Group 1. 8–12'h ☉☉

C036 **Betty Risdon**—Creamy pinkish 6–8" blooms edged in a deeper pink-red with bright yellow stamens. Early. Plant in a somewhat shady, sheltered spot for best flower color. Group 1. Part shade. 8–10'h ☉☉

C037 **Lagoon** *C. macropetala*—Spring-flowering with dark blue, nodding, multi-petaled bells. Vigorous, it tolerates shade and a north exposure. Group 1. 8–10'h ☉☉

C038 **Teshio**—Double lavender-blue 3–5" rosettes open up late spring to early summer. Japanese cultivar. Group 2. 7'h

\$12.00—5.25" pot:

C039 **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

\$16.00—1 gal. pot:

C040 **Bijou** (NEW) —Violet-blue flowers are large and abundant on this dwarf clematis. Good for containers, and can over-winter that way if the container is 24" wide or more. Group 3. 1–3'h ☺☺

C041 **Blue Angel** (NEW) —Tissue-thin pale lavender-blue flowers with four petals. Blooms late. Plant in eastern sun for best color. Group 3. ***** 8–10'h ☺☺☺☺

C042 **Bourbon** —Vibrant red 5–6" flowers with yellow anthers from June through early August. A good candidate for containers (24" wide or more). Group 2. 4–6'h

C043 **Corrine** —White with a stripe of clear pink on each petal, darker in the center fading towards the tip. Soft pink anthers. Heavy bloomer in June, repeating in August. Group 2. 6'h

C044 **Diamantina** —Deep violet-blue 4–6" double flowers with silver-green central petals when they first open. Pompom blooms can last up to a month. Introduced and named a Top Ten new plant at the Chelsea Flower Show in 2010. Reblooms in late summer to early fall. Excellent cut flower. Group 2. 6–8'h

C045 **Diana's Delight** —Shades of lavender-blue with creamy centers. Blooms May–June and September. Group 2. 4–6'h ☉☉

C046 **Fleuri** —Deep violet 5" flowers with a magenta-red stripe. White and magenta anthers. Blooms May and August. Compact plants. The plant's breeder says Group 3; our local grower says Group 2. 4'h

C047 **Gillian Blades** —Ruffled white 5–8" flowers in late spring and again in late summer. Group 2. 6–8'h

\$16.00—1 gal. pot (continued):

C048 **Giselle** (NEW) —Light rose 5–6" flowers with six pointed petals that darken at the edges. Mid- to late summer bloom. Group 3. 4–6'h ☺☺

C049 **Hagley Hybrid** (NEW) —Pink to pinkish mauve 4–6" flowers in early summer bloom on old wood and then again on new wood later in the summer. Color lightens in direct sun. a.k.a. Pink Chiffon. Group 2. 6'h ☺☺

C050 **Huldine** —Blooms in July from new growth and continues through October with sparkling white flowers accented in yellow. Group 3. 12–20'h

C051 **Jackman** *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

C052 **Multi-Blue** (NEW) —Double flowers are dark blue to purple with thistle-like centers of yellow-green in June. Reblooms in fall. Group 2. ***** 6–8'h

C053 **Niobe** —Best red clematis with 6" flowers that open nearly black, then mature to dark ruby-red with brilliantly contrasting yellow stamens. Originated in Poland. Seldom needs pruning, but if you do, prune in April. Blooms May to September. Can be treated as Group 2 or 3. 8–10'h

C054 **Polish Spirit** *C. viticella* —Queen of the Vines, one of the most prolific blooming of clematis. Masses of rich violet-blue 2–4" flowers. Excellent for use along fences or on a trellis. Strong stems make good cut flowers. Mulch heavily around the roots. Prune hard in early spring. Group 3. 15'h

C055 **Princess Diana** *C. texensis* —Abundant raspberry-pink blooms 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 groundcover. Blooms all summer and fall. Group 3. 6–10'h ☺

C056 **Purpurea Plena Elegans** *C. viticella* —Reddish-purple 2–4" double petticoat flowers bloom in mid-summer. An heirloom variety also called Italian Clematis and Etoile Violette. Awarded the Royal Horticultural Society's Award of Garden Merit. Blooms June through September. Group 3. 8–12'h

C057 **Ramona** *C. hybrida sieboldii* (NEW) —Large bluish lavender flowers in mid-summer will rebloom if deadheaded. A garden favorite since 1888. Group 2. ***** 8–10'h ☺☺

C058 **Rebecca** —Red 5–7" blooms with a creamy center, May–June reblooming in August. Group 2. 6–8'h ☉☉

C059 **Rhapsody** —Sapphire blue petals that deepen in color as they age. Creamy yellow anthers. Blooms July through September. Group 3. 8–10'h

C060 **Roguchi** *C. integrifolia x 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

C061 **Rosemoor** —Rose-red 6" blooms with yellow anthers. Flowers on both old and new wood from May to September. Group 2 6–8'h

C062 **Samaritan Jo** (NEW) —Large blooms of white layered petals tinged and edged in purple with green tips, June through September. Group 3. 4–5'h ☉

C063 **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 ☉☺☺

C064 **Sugar Candy** —Pink 7" petals with a darker pink center bar and yellow anthers. Free-flowering repeat-bloomer once established. Flowers in early summer and again in late summer. Group 2. 6–10'h ☉☉

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C080A **Monkshood Vine**

Ampelopsis aconitifolia

Finely cut foliage makes a lovely cover for walls and fences. Clusters of non-showy greenish flowers in late summer, followed by bunches of round, bluish fruits that mature to orange-yellow in autumn. Climbs by tendrils. 15–25'h ☉☉ \$7.00—1 quart pot

C080B **Passion Flower, Maypop** (NEW)

Passiflora incarnata

Intricate 3" flowers with frizzy, threadlike lavender strands surrounding a center we can only call bizarre. Grow it on a fence or trellis or let it scramble over shrubs and trees. Place it in a protected micro-climate such as the south-facing foundation of a house. 8–12'h \$19.00—1 gal. pot

C081 **Porcelain Berry**

Ampelopsis brevipedunculata Elegans

Vigorous vine, clinging by tendrils, is covered in small, tri-lobed leaves with splashes of pink and white, and pink young shoots. Yellow fall foliage and bright blue to pink-purple berries. Best fruiting with more sun, best variegation in light shade. Can be cut to the ground in late winter to control size. 15'h ☉☉ \$8.00—1 quart pot

C082 **Sweet Pea, Everlasting**

Lathyrus latifolius Pearl Mix ☺☺

Pink, red, or white blooms with winged stems. Plant in a protected area. Climbs by tendrils. 6'h ☉☉☺ \$2.00—2.5" pot

Trumpet Creeper *Campsis radicans*

Large trumpets in summer. Excellent for attracting hummingbirds, good for butterflies. Vigorous vine with pinnate foliage; not for small spaces. May die back to the ground in severe winters, but regrows from the ground. Climbs by aerial roots. Not recommended to grow on buildings because it can grow through the walls. 30'h ☉☺☺

\$2.00—2.5" pot:

C083—**Orange** ☺

\$8.00—1 quart pot:

C084—**Red Sunset**—Fiery red flowers.

Wisteria *Wisteria macrostachya*

Charming flowers in long, hanging clusters in May or early June, followed by fruit pods that remain throughout winter. Grow only on a strong arbor or pergola. Rapid grower, but tolerates brutal pruning. Locally selected to do well in our climate. Deer-resistant. Twining. ☉☉☺15–30'h

\$17.00—1 gal. pot:

C085 **Summer Cascade**—The hardiest at the U of M Landscape Arboretum, with impressive racemes that open bluish purple and fade as summer wears on. Original name: Betty Mathews, named for a local gardener. ****

\$28.00—2 gal. pot:

C086 **Blue Moon**—Large, fragrant lilac-blue flowers, followed by repeat blooms. Introduced by Rice Creek Gardens, formerly in Blaine. Blooms up to three times a year when planted in full sun. These are two-year-old plants from vegetative propagation of the original Blue Moon plant.



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