

NATIVE VINES

For Gardening and Landscaping



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Virginia Creeper (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*)

High-climbing vine with graceful five-leaflet leaves and glorious red fall color. Can cling to almost any surface with adhesive-tipped tendrils. Splendid vine for covering walls. Can also climb wire fences and trellises by coiling tendrils. Dark-blue berries valuable food for birds. Several cultivars available.

Light	Soil	Height (ft)	Zone
Full sun - shade	Dry - moist	Up to 70'	4-9



Woodbine (*Parthenocissus inserta*)

A “non-stick” version of Virginia creeper, this species climbs with coiling tendrils like a grape. It does not form adhesive disks and cannot cling to walls. Same five-leaflet leaves and red fall color as Virginia creeper. Climbs trellises or fences, also excellent groundcover. Very tolerant of road salt.

Light	Soil	Height (ft)	Zone
Full sun - partial shade	Dry - moist	Up to 50'	4-8



American Groundnut (*Apios americana*)

Slender twining vine with compound leaves and clusters of wisteria-like pink flowers in late summer. Non-woody perennial which dies back to ground each fall. Has small edible tubers spaced along thin roots like beads in a necklace. Excellent in containers.

Light	Soil	Height (ft)	Zone
Full sun - partial shade	Moist - wet, flood tolerant	10 – 15'	5-9



Summer Grape (*Vitis aestivalis*)

Vigorous climber with small tangy fruit. Large leaves are dark green above and silvery white beneath. Young tendrils often bright red. Parent of several wine grape hybrids. Needs regular pruning.

Light	Soil	Height (ft)	Zone
Full sun	Moist -dry	50 – 75'	5-9



Trumpet Honeysuckle (*Lonicera sempervirens*)

Twining stems with opposite leaves topped by clusters of slender, 2 inch long, red trumpet-shaped flowers. Many cultivars and hybrids. Flowers attract hummingbirds.

Light	Soil	Height (ft)	Zone
Full sun - partial shade	Moist, well drained	Up to 25'	4-9



Virginia Virgin's Bower (*Clematis virginiana*)

Vigorous clematis with small white flowers, blooming in late summer. Climbs with twining leaflet stems. Fall color often burgundy to purple. Clouds of fluffy, swirled seed heads make eye-catching display. Easy to grow and eager to climb.

Light	Soil	Height (ft)	Zone
Full sun - partial sun	Moist, well drained	Up to 25'	4-8



Wild Yam (*Dioscorea villosa*)

Graceful twining vine with strongly veined, heart-shaped leaves. Does not have edible root. Non-woody, dies back to perennial rhizome in late fall. Interesting winged seedpods. Native substitute for invasive cinnamon vine.

Light	Soil	Height (ft)	Zone
Full sun - partial shade	Moist, well drained	10 - 15'	4-8



Hops (*Humulus lupulus*)

Common hop vine grown for flowers used to flavor beer. Vigorous twining vine with handsome multi-lobed leaves. Dies back to perennial rhizome in fall. Fast-growing vine great for shade coverage.

Light	Soil	Height (ft)	Zone
Full sun	Moist, well drained	Up to 30'	4-8



Limber Honeysuckle (*Lonicera dioica*)

Very hardy small vine with large oblong opposite leaves on twining stems. Early spring flowers yellow, red or purplish, held above "cup" of fused pair of leaves. Flowers valuable for bumblebees. Undersides of leaves are bright silvery white.

Light	Soil	Height (ft)	Zone
Full sun - partial shade	Dry - wet	Up to 15'	3-8



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