

Russell's Ornamental Vines

NAME	DESCRIPTION	LIGHT	BLOOMS	HEIGHT & PRUNING	SUPPORT
Actinidia kolomikta Hardy Kiwi Vine	Twining vine with pink & white foliage variegation. Need male & female to produce fruit.	sun to part shade	Fragrant white flowers in May-June.	15-20'. Prune as needed to keep in bounds.	Provide sturdy support with vertical posts or wires.
Akebia quinata Five Leaf Akebia	Vigorous twining vine with blue-green foliage. Very sweet fruit in fall-attracts birds	sun or shade	Clusters of fragrant rose-purple flowers in spring.	40'. To thin/clean- up, prune after flowering. For renewal, prune in early spring.	Provide sturdy support with vertical posts or wires.
Aristolochia durior Dutchman's Pipe	Old-fashioned twining vine with large heart-shaped leaves. Great for screening.	sun or shade	Unusual tan, pipe-shaped flowers in June once established	20-30'. Cut to the ground in winter to rejuvenate old vines, or just clean up after flowering	Climbs by twining-provide vertical posts or wires, chain link, porch etc
Campsis radicans Trumpet Vine	Deciduous vine which clings with root-like holdfasts. Heavy, woody stems.	sun or part shade	Yellow, red or orange 3" trumpets late summer. Attracts hummingbirds	15-30'. Every year in late winter cut back previous years shoots to 2 or 3 buds to promote bloom	Can grow on walls or arbors. Support must be sturdy.
Celastrus scandens American Bittersweet	Vigorous native vine known for it's attractive fall fruit. Plant in groups to ensure pollination. Easy to grow.	sun or part shade	Insignificant	20'. Prune hard to keep within bounds.	Needs a vertical structure to twine on.
Clematis (large flower types)	See Clematis handout for descriptions.	sun or part shade	May-Oct. varies by variety.	6-20'. Three different pruning categories based on bloom time.	Wraps leaf petioles around narrow supports- trellis, string etc.
Clematis maximowicziana Sweet Autumn Clematis	Vigorous. One of the easiest clematis to grow.	sun or part shade	Panicles of fragrant, creamy-white 3/4" flowers in late summer	Fast growing to 20'. Cut back half-way in late winter/early spring.	Trellis, arbor. wall or fence. Good cover for chain-link fence.
Clematis Viticella Hybrids	Our choice for long blooming, showy clematis. Less prone to clematis wilt.	Sun or part shade	July-September		Climbs by twining—provide vertical posts or wires, chain link, etc
Euonymus fortune Wintercreeper	Low-growing evergreen ground-cover. Develops reddish coloration in winter.	sun or shade	Insignificant	Will climb walls to 12'	Attaches by holdfasts. Can grow on low walls/foundations
Hedera helix English Ivy	Evergreen, clinging vine with attractive shiny foliage. (Will tolerate sun once established.)	shade or part shade		Up to 90'! To promote denser growth prune before new growth begins in early spring. Thin/shape anytime.	Clings using holdfasts on aerial rootlets. Grow on wall or other rough surfaced vertical support.

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Humulus lupulus Hops vine	A twining vine with attractive grape-like leaves. Vigorous and easy to grow.	full sun	Male & female on separate plants mid-late summer	20-25 ft. Cut back to the ground when dormant.	Good cover for fence or arbor.
Hydrangea a. ssp.petiolaris Climbing Hydrangea		sun or shade	Fragrant white flower panicles in early summer	Slow to start but will reach 30-60'. Prune as needed in early spring	Root-like holdfasts cling to rough vertical surfaces.
Lonicera Honeysuckle	Vigorous twining vine. Easy to grow. Semi- evergreen.	full sun	June-fall. Some fragrant. Trumpet-shaped blooms attract hummingbirds.	Varies from 10-30'. Prune as needed after flowering. Tip back to keep full.	Give the support of a fence or wall with vertical wires or use as groundcover.
Parthenocissus quinquefolia Virginia Creeper	Vigorous vine. Palmately compound 5-lobed leaves. Deciduous. Scarlet in fall. Attractive blue-black fruit.	sun or shade	Insignificant	30-50' limited to size of support. Avoid pruning late-winter/early spring as bleeding sap is messy	Climbs by adhesive discs on tendrils. Clings to stone, brick or wood. Good groundcover.
Parthenocissus tricuspidata Boston Ivy	Similar to above but leaves are smaller and 3-lobed. Both are drought & pollution tolerant.	sun or shade	Insignificant	As above	As above
Polygonum aubertii Silver Fleece Vine	Vigorous, deciduous twining vine valued for adaptability & rapid coverage. Drought tolerant.	sun or shade	Masses of fragrant white racemes July-Sept. Also new shoots are bronze-red.	25-35'. Can grow 10-15' in one season. Prune as needed to keep within bounds.	Requires strong support such as sturdy fence or arbor.
Wisteria floribunda Japanese Wisteria	As above with longer racemes of flowers. Feed young plants; well-established plants flower better with less food.	full sun	Fragrant clusters up to 18" long in lavender, pink, white or double blue blooms.	25-30'. NOTE: Chinese wisteria twines counterclockwise and the Japanese wisteria twines clockwise around a support.	As above
Wisteria frutescens American Wisteria	Vigorous but more manageable than asian species.	full sun	Purple fragrant clusters 6-9" long. Blooms on new growth in late spring and sporadically thru summer.	25-30'. Frequent, light pruning in summer is recommended to maintain height.	Less aggressive than Asian species, but still requires strong support.
Wisteria sinensis Chinese Wisteria	Vigorous, deciduous twining vine. Leaves comprise 7-13 leaflets. Showy, dense racemes or flowers before leaves expand.	full sun	Beautiful 7-12" clusters of lightly fragrant purple or white blooms May-June May repeat in August.	Can reach 40'. During dormancy cut previous year's shoots back to 3-4 buds. After bloom, remove spent flowers & prune to shape/ tidy.	Train to a STRONG support such as a pergola or building. Can be trained as a standard.