

## Thunbergia grandiflora

### (Bengal Clock Vine, Sky Vine)

From early summer until late winter this vigorously twining vine bears hanging clusters of large, lavender-blue flowers that are 3 inches in diameter. These flowers are bell-shaped and have a white throat. The broad, heart-shaped leaves of the Sky Flower are soft and dark green. Sky Flower has a very rampant growth habit and is great for the quick covering of arbors, trellises and fences. It can be successfully used as a screen or container plant and is marvelous cascading over a wall.



Plant Image

#### Landscape Information

**French Name:** Liane de Chine, Liane mauve

**Pronunciation:** thun-BER-jee-uh gran-diff-FLOR-ruh

**Plant Type:**

**Origin:** India

**Heat Zones:** 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

**Hardiness Zones:** 10, 11, 12, 13

**Uses:** Espalier, Container, Trellis, Green Wall

#### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Fast

**Tree Shape:** Spreading

**Canopy Symmetry:** Irregular

**Canopy Density:** Medium

**Canopy Texture:** Medium

**Height at Maturity:** 8 to 15 m

**Spread at Maturity:** 1.5 to 3 meters

**Time to Ultimate Height:** 5 to 10 Years

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Flower Image

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**Botanical Description**

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**Foliage**

**Leaf Arrangement:** Opposite  
**Leaf Venation:** Pinnate  
**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen  
**Leaf Type:** Simple  
**Leaf Blade:** Less than 5  
**Leaf Shape:** Ovate  
**Leaf Margins:** Undulate  
**Leaf Textures:** Leathery  
**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance  
**Color(growing season):** Green  
**Color(changing season):** Green

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**Flower**

**Flower Showiness:** True  
**Flower Size Range:** 1.5 - 3  
**Flower Type:** Raceme  
**Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)  
**Flower Scent:** No Fragrance  
**Flower Color:** Purple  
**Seasons:** Spring, Summer

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**Trunk**

**Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage:** Generally resists breakage  
**Number of Trunks:** Single Trunk  
**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Not Showy

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**Fruit**

**Fruit Type:** Capsule  
**Fruit Size Range:** 1.5 - 3  
**Fruit Colors:** Brown  
**Seasons:** Spring, Summer

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### Horticulture Management

#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** No

**Heat Tolerant:** Yes

**Drought Tolerant:** No

**Salt Tolerance:** Poor

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Loam, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral

**Water Requirements:** Moderate

**Light Requirements:** Part

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#### Management

**Toxity:** No

**Invasive Potential:** Yes

**Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases:** Yes

**Pruning Requirement:** Little needed, to develop a strong structure

**Surface Rooting:** No

**Life Span:** Less than 25

**Edible Parts:** None

**Pests:** Whitefly

**Plant Propagations:** Cutting, Layering

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Fruit Image



Other Image