

Clerodendrum trichotomum

(Harlequin Glorybower)

Clerodendrum trichotomum is a deciduous shrub native to Eastern Asia. It has a fragrant foliage and flower. It has beautiful white flowers and blue berry fruits giving it a huge summer interest. It is one of the hardiest of its species. The leaves are large and ovate and smell like peanut butter once crushed. They stay unchanged in color even when they fall. The fruits are attractive to hummingbirds. It can be used for screening, hedging, border plant, and windbreak.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Arbre du clergé

Pronunciation: klee-oh-DEN-drum trick-oh-TOE-mum

Plant Type: Shrub

Origin: Eastern Asia

Heat Zones: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

Hardiness Zones: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

Uses: Screen, Hedge, Border Plant, Windbreak

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate

Tree Shape: Round, oval

Canopy Symmetry: Irregular

Canopy Density: Medium

Canopy Texture: Medium

Height at Maturity: 3 to 5 m

Spread at Maturity: 3 to 5 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 5 to 10 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Opposite

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Deciduous

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 10 - 20

Leaf Shape: Ovate

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Scent: Pleasant

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 10 - 20

Flower Type: Cyme

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: White, Pink

Seasons: Summer

Trunk

Trunk Has Crownshaft: False

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked, Can be trained to one trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Showy

Fruit

Fruit Type: Berry

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Fruit Colors: Blue, Black

Seasons: Summer

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: 25-50 years

Diseases: Generally disease free

Edible Parts: None

Pests: Generally pest free

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting

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