

## Thunbergia erecta

### (Bush Clock Vine, King's Mantle)

Thunbergia erecta is a herbaceous perennial with glossy, ovate leaves. Its slightly fragrant blooms occur all year long, especially in the summer. This plant produces rounded seed capsules that end in a beak. The Sweet Clock Vine should be grown in an area of the landscape that receives full sun to partial shade. It prefers well drained soils and is moderately drought tolerant. Water this plant generously and protect it from strong winds.



Plant Image

#### Landscape Information

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**French Name:** Thunbergie érigée

**Pronunciation:** thun-BER-jee-uh ee-RECK-tuh

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**Plant Type:** Vine

**Origin:** Tropical Africa

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**Heat Zones:** 10, 11, 12

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

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**Uses:** Hedge, Container, Facade, Trellis

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#### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Slow

**Tree Shape:**

**Canopy Symmetry:** Irregular

**Canopy Density:** Medium

**Canopy Texture:** Fine

**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

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### Botanical Description

#### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Opposite

**Leaf Venation:** Pinnate

**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen

**Leaf Type:** Simple

**Leaf Blade:** Less than 5

**Leaf Shape:** Oval

**Leaf Margins:** Entire

**Leaf Textures:** Glossy

**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:** Cyme

**Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)

**Flower Scent:** Pleasant

**Seasons:** Year Round

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#### Trunk

**Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage:** Generally resists breakage

**Number of Trunks:** Multi-Trunked

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Smooth

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#### Fruit

**Fruit Showiness:** False

**Fruit Size Range:** 1.5 - 3

**Fruit Colors:** Brown

**Seasons:** Year Round

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Leaf Image

### Horticulture Management

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#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** Yes

**Heat Tolerant:** No

**Drought Tolerant:** No

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Clay, Loam, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

**Water Requirements:** Moderate

**Light Requirements:** Part

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#### Management

**Toxicity:** No

**Invasive Potential:** No

**Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases:** No

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

**Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter:** No

**Surface Rooting:** No

**Life Span:** Less than 25

**Edible Parts:** None

**Plant Propagations:** Seed, Cutting

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